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Kinnock urged to soft-pedal over defence

increasing pressure from some of his most senior colleagues 10 Ione down further his public commitments to remove American nuclear bases from Britain.

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Anxiety about the electoral consequences of current poticy will be voiced at a meeting of the Shadow Cabinet on nuclear base January 7, which was originally called by the Labour leader to rally his party and to prepare if for a general elec-tion as early as May 7.

It was planned in October when the party's fortunes were much brighter, but will now be held in the wake of a big slump in the electoral standing of Mr Kinnock and the party.

Moderate shadow ministers are to urge the Labour leader to switch the party's campaign offensive to social and economic policies and to leave defence as far as possible in the background.

Shadow ministers believe there is not the slightest chance that the party itself, through its policy forming machinery, will change the unilateralist defence policy before the election.

But they believe that the policy was the biggest factor in Saturday's Gallup poll which gave the Tories an 8.5 per cent lead over Labour compared

Tomorrow

The gold seam ...



A visit to the Welsh town where the end of coal mining meant the beginning of "redundo" wealth - not to mention the bitterness that attends keeping up with the Joneses and the Thomases.

Portfolio —Gold—

 The weekly prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition -£24,000 because there were no winners the previous two weeks was shared on Saturday by five readers. Three readers shared the £4,000 daily prize. Details page 3
There is £4,000 to be

won today. Portfolio list page 20; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

TIMES SPORT

Hodge moves Tottenham Hotspur yesterday agreed to buy Steve Hodge the England midfield player from Aston Villa for £650,000 hours after selling Graham

Leeds lose 7-2 Leeds United, weakened by suspensions, were beaten 7-2

Roberts to Rangers for £450,000 Page 28

by Stoke City in the second division, Nicky Morgan scoring three goals

TIMES BUSINESS

Reagan's plan

President Reagan is planning legislation to restore American leadership in international cconomics. Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, revealed in an interview with The Times Page 17

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cent in November.

They are certain that the most unpopular element of the policy is the proposal to remove all American nuclear weapons from Britain.

On December 10, Mr Kinnock declined to give a timetable for the removal of nuclear bases and said the process would be subject to 'complex and thorough

His critics in the Shadow Cabinet want him to suggest

Michael Heseltine on deterrents and the CND Page 12 that the removal will not only

"discussed" negotiated". They calculate this would be

a clear sign to the electorate that the Americans would not be forced to take their weapons and bases away.

Meanwhile, Mr Norman Tehbit, the Conservative Party chairman, is gearing up for a new offensive aimed at making further capital out of Labour's defence difficulties.

He and other senior ministers are expected to accuse senior moderates within the Shadow Cabinet such as Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr John Cunningham and Mr John Smith of acquiescing in a policy with which they profoundly disagree for electoral

They will challenge them to end their silence and picture the Labour leadership as deeply split over the country's

They will also claim that however Labour twists and turns over the issue, the

Mr Neil Kinnock is under with a Labour lead of 3.5 per the election as more far left candidates take their places at

Westminster. Yesterday, sources close to Mr Kinnock were at pains to play down the significance of the poll, insisting that Gallup consistently underestimates the strength of support for

A shadow minister said yesterday: "One poll should not be enough for us to think about suicide." Acknowledging that defence was not Labour's strongest card, the Kinnock sources said they had anticipated a stide in the polls as a result of the leader deliberately drawing attention to an area of relative

But, they claimed, there had been gains. The public now had a far clearer understanding of and respect for the party's stance, in particular its commitment to Nato and strong conventional defence.

The pext task was to wip greater support for the nonnuclear line, before switching attention to vote-winning areas such as unemployment and the health service.

They also discounted any public split over the issue. By the time the election is called and the Shadow Cabinet and national executive meet at the clause five meeting to settle the manifesto the ground will have been laid, it is argued, for the policy to be watered down in a way that makes clear that the bases would not be removed without the agreement of the Americans.

Meanwhile, a former Labour defence minister, Dr John Gilbert, said that the latest poll made distressing argument is over because of the swing to the left within the party, a shift that will become even more pronounced after factor.

Sakharov vows to continue his fight

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

best-known Soviet dissident, is due to arrive here tomorrow by train, ending nearly seven years in internal exile.

The physicist — in a remarkable conversation with Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, who telephoned him the day previously-denied connection in the Sakharov flat, - told Mr Gorbachov that he intended to continue speaking out on major human rights issues on his return.

"My conversation with Gorbachov was very complex and I would not try and summarize it in a few words. It was not all simple and it was not all direct," the 65-year-old scientist said yesterday during a radio interview. "As much as it depends on me, I intend to always say what I think because I believe that is the right thing and the necessary thing".

The apparent lack of restrictions imposed on Dr Sak-harov's new-found freedom has increased the conviction among jubilant members of Moscow's dissident community that the Kremlin has undertaken a thorough review

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the of its policy towards buman rights activists and other political opponents.

Professor Valery Soifer, a renowned biologist who has been trying to emigrate since 1979, was one of many Soviet intellectuals who yesterday cited Mr Gorbachov's un-

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precedented telephone call to Dr Sakharov as evidence that a new era was beginning in the Soviet buman rights field.

"Mr Gorbachov has decided to change the policy. Even as recently as two weeks ago, I had no basis for predicting that such a new policy would be introduced," explained the professor, who used the new telephone connection to convey bis congratulations to Dr Sakharov in Gorky.

"As a result of my conversa-

tion, I had the impression that there will be no limitations on what Sakharov can say when he returns to Moscow. The Government has apparently expressed hope that he will take part in 'patriotic work'."

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South gets first snow of the winter fell across most

heralded a white Christmas. The Meteorological Office said a belt of snow moved down from Scotland bringing southern districts their first wintry weather. Steady falls were reported in many areas, with depths of several inches

on northern bills. The snow moved down

By Nicholas Wood

Political Reporter

Two Government ministers

yesterday urged the churches

to accept their responsibility

for introducing a moral dimension into the national

fight against the disease Aids. The appeal, from Mr John

Biffen. Leader of the House of

Commons, and Mr Tony

Newton. Minister of State for

Health, came against the back-

ground of an alarming new

survey showing that the prag-

matic "safe sex" approach, adopted in the £20 million

public education campaign,

has so far had little impact.

The first widespread snow through northern counties and of Britain yesterday, but night, reaching the south-east forecasters were doubtful if it by 10am yesterday, before moving away off the south

coast. In most areas it quickly turned to sleet or stush. The London Weather Centre said any remaining snow showers would die out by tomorrow. Rain would move in from the west.

sexual partners in the past five

years, were questioned about

their attitudes to the killer

Eighty per cent said they

believed they were in little or no danger of contracting the

disease, and 86 per cent said

they had not changed their

behaviour as a result of official

programme by Harris Re-

warnings.

Biffen appeals to Churches on Aids

The survey, carried out for over nll public debate. the Weekend World television "We are talking

search Organization. was which have to be adjusted and

accompanied by computer reformed and where those

projections from Imperial who seek to be the moral College, London, predicting guardians and leaders — I

that on these replies by the end mean basically the Churches

A sample of 864 heteroof the century there would be — will have to make their not being put on the need for sexuals aged 1g to 44, who 160,000 new cases of Aids a voices known and effective in chastity.

admitted to having multiple year and a million carriers



atomic arsenal, being led into a Jerusalem court yesterday.

Futures

broker

vetoed

By Richard Lander

LHW Futures, a controver-sial financial broking firm, has

been turned down for

membership by the new City

regulatory authority which po-

lices the futures and commod-ities markets. The firm has

been strongly criticized for its high-pressure selling tech-

niques which some clients

claim have cost them their

The decision by the Associ-

ation of Futures Brokers and

Dealers (AFBD) will severely limit LHW's activities.

Services Act takes full effect

next year, futures broking

firms will be breaking the law

unlikely to authorise a firm turned down by the AFBD.

Mr Alistair Annand, chief

excutive of the AFBD, said be

had written to the five futures exchanges belonging to the association on Friday to tell

He declined to say why

LHW had been rejected but

said the firm was likely to

LHW is the biggest private client futures broker in

Europe, earning commissions of about £30 million in 1985

from 6,500 customers on con-

tracts involving several bun-

dred million pounds. Officials from LHW were unavailable

for comment yesterday but the

managing director, Mr Brian

Edgeley, said recently that cold-calling — making unsolicited phone calls to prospective

investors - had been stopped.

them of the decision.

appeal

When the new Financial

He was in court for a new remand hearing and is ex-pected to be formally charged

from his London botel on September 30 and it was feared he may have been

nuclear warheads at its top secret Dimona nuclear plant in the Negev Desert, where he

Wright's family insist he has been telling the truth

The family of Mr Peter Wright, the former M15 officer who has exposed its secret operations, insisted in an interview with The Times yesterday that be bas been telting the truth.

His statement came as the Government came under new pressure to mount an indepen-dent inquiry into allegations of plotting against the Wilson Labour government of the

1970s. Mr Wright's son, Mr Bevis Wright, and two daughters, Mrs Tessa Southern and Mrs Jenny Andrews, spoke out after a report last week that unless they belong to the AFBD or have authorization from the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog body. SIB is their father was unreliable and

lived in a fantasy world. Yesterday Mr Bevis Wright, who runs boliday cottages in this country, con-tacted his two sisters - one of whom lives in Australia before making public their support for their father's

Mr Wright told said: "My father is devoted both to MI5 and to his country. The Government did not cross-exam-



Lord Glenamara: Wants an inquiry into allegations

ine him in the court case in New South Wales over his book, so one can only conclude that he has been truthful. "My father believes totally

in the importance of M15 and his prime motive is to get an inquiry into the working of the security service and into its accountability. "I think if he succeeds in

that, he'll die happy. It's blatantly obvious that he's telling the truth."

Mr Wright said be was keeping in constant touch with his father, although he has not seen bim for two years. He said: "He is ill but be has faith in his doctors."

There were calls for an inquiry yesterday from Lord Glenamara, the former Labour deputy leader, Mr Ted Short, who believes MI5 was behind a plot to discredit him in the 1970s.

Lord Glenamara was at the centre of a political "scandal" when a document revealed that be had opened a Swiss bank account with a deposit of about £16,000 in December 1971. But the document, photocopies of which were circulated in Fleet Street, was a forgery.

A police investigation was conducted by Scotland Yard's Serious Crimes Squad, but those responsible were not

Lord Glenamara said yes-terday that since Mr Wright's allegations bad begun to emerge during the Australian court hearing be felt there was a strong possibility that MI5 Continued on page 16, col 4

5pm deadline for Piggott bail

Lester Piggott, the former champion jockey, has until late this afternoon to find what is believed to be the largest bail surety ever demanded by a British court, nearly £1 million in cash, or face re-arrest on a charge of defrauding the Inland Rev-

Mr Piggott must hand over banker's draft for £950,000 by 5pm to Newmarket mag-istrates in exchange for the deeds to his house and stables in the town, which were accepted as sureties in lieu of cash when he was arrested and charged on Friday. Mr Norman Phillips, the Forecasts, page 16 Inland Revenue's prosecuting

among heterosexuals.

On the strength of the

figures and interviews with

sexually active young people,

largely heedless of the dangers

they faced, Mr Newton admitted the Government had

"some ground to make up" in

Mr Biffen said the disease

"We are talking about

was a "great shadow" looming

whole patterns of behaviour

getting its message across.

solicitor, originally asked for a cash sum of £2 million to be lodged with the court but this was reduced by the magistrates. The case has been adjourned till March 19 Mr Piggott, who retired from riding last year 10 take up

a career as a trainer, was not available for comment yesterday at his Newmarket He was arrested on Friday morning and accused before a special court sitting of making

a false tax statement about bis bank accounts. He spent several tense hours in the cells at Newmarket police station before bail could be arranged.

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The elergy's most recent

intervention in the Aids de-

hate came last week when the

Church of England submitted

a report to Parliament saying

that while it supported explicit

public health advertizing, it

regretted more emphasis was

BBC Radio 4.

approach while '

pion jockey and rider of a record 29 classic winners, is said to have amassed £20 million fortune. The investigation into his tax affairs is thought to be part

of a much broader inquiry now being carried out by the Inland Revenue and HM Customs and Excise - responsible for VAT collection. This is looking into the finances of a number of

leading owners, trainers and jockeys, and centres on the avoidance of income tax and It is understood that 50 tax

inspectors are working on the

Double killing warning to persuading the changes that

rifying situation," he said on Women in Salisbury, Wiltshire, were advised by police Mr Newton's remarks apto be on their guard last night peared to be aimed at the after the discovery of two women murdered within churches when he said it was the Government's job to conhours of each other over the centrate on the pragmatic weekend. "some people" developed the moral

women in city

Miss Ruth Perrett, aged 25 was strangled in ber bedroom in a hostel and a few hours later Mrs Beryl Deacon, aged 45, a market researcher, was suffocated in a toilet cubicle. Both had been sexually

Mrs Deacon disappeared on Saturday morning after arriving from Ringwood, Hamp-shire. Report, page 3 Report, page 3

Police break up student protest in Shanghai

Shanghai (Reuter) - Police broke up thousands of demonstrators outside the city half here last night and arrested at several hundred: "All of you day of unrest by students demanding more democracy.

Witnesses said that about 200 police squeezed into the Chinese people will not be

crowd on the main waterfront boulevard, beside the city hall, and seized the youths after forming a moving cordon to push people away.
Student demonstrators beat

up 3t police and broke into municipal government of-fices, the official New China News Agency quoted a city government spokesman as

The students, supported by groups of workers, had gathered outside the city hall to express discontent with the response of Mayor Jiang Zemin 10 a list of demands their leaders had presented him with at a late night meeling on Friday.

They said Mr Jiang had rejected pleas for greater democracy and press freedom although he conceded a request to label their protest action as legal and 10 guarantee their safety. The students maintained

the mayor bad broken his word, citing what they reck-oned to be 200 arrests and the ceating up by police of about 2 people at the weekend. The Shanghai student pro-

tests are the biggest in a chain of studeni demonstrations that has affected campuses in more than 12 cities in the last few weeks. Earlier in the evening. 0,000 chanting students and

their supporters gathered with

flags in the People's Park, half

an bour's walk from the city

hall, and some said that they would stay all night to press

their demands for democracy.

least seven youths in the third should open your eyes. We are

A Shanghai city government official said no one

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had been arrested and no one would be, because the march-

es were legal.
"But students would be breaking the law if they tried to stop traffic." he said. Students said they were also demanding that Mr Jiang make a public apology and compensate those allegedly

beaten up. Shanghai newspapers have made no mention of the student unrest of the last few

A Japanese journalist based here said he saw about 200 students from Tongji and Communications universities arrested on Saturday morning and taken away in police vans as thousands of students massed near the People's

The Shanghai marches, which began on Thursday. have been the most daring display of student protest in this month's wave of unrest in

The demonstrations, from Xian in the north to Kunming in the south-west, have all turned into rallies calling for democratic reform, although many began as expressions of dissatisfaction on trivial is-sues such as the quality of

Pay rises at lowest level for a decade

By Our City Staff

en to their lowest level for a than 2.5 percent. decade, according to figures from the Confederation of

British Industry today. The CBI's data bank on pay shows an average increase of 4.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year. This compares with 5.6 per cent in the third quarter and 6.1 per cent in the first two quarters of

Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director general, said: "While average earnings are continuing to run at rather higher tevels, reflecting in part the pick-up in the economy, these much lower figures for basic pay settlements do suggest that at last we may be moving in the right direction." Nearly one in 10 of the 80

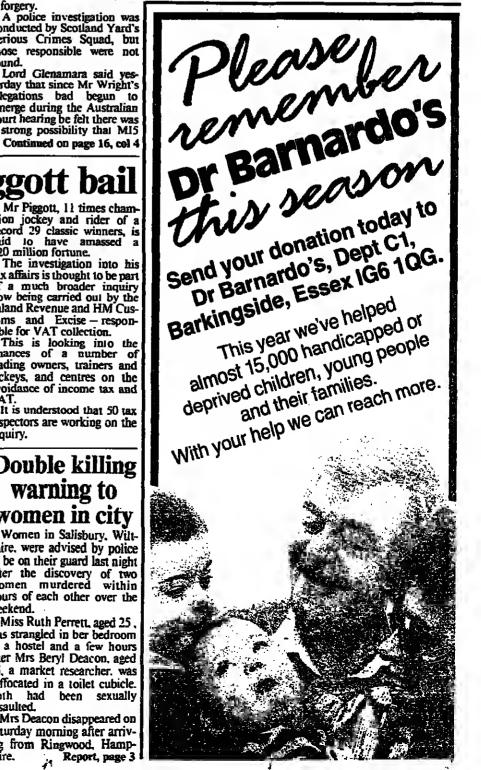
Wage rises in Britain's man-ufacturing industry have fall-the survey were for rises of less

Further good news for the Government came at the weekend when oil ministers from 12 of the 13 Opec countries agreed to cut pro-duction by 7.25 per cent to 15.8 million barrels a day and to return to a fixed price system based on \$18 (£12.56) barrel.

Despite the refusal by Iraq to abide by its quota, industry analysts expect oil prices to firm by around \$1 a barret this

Iraq has dissociated itself from the agreement, rejecting a quota far lower than its actual production and below the level given to tran.

Wage rises Page 19



NEWS SUMMARY

Warning against a slick Budget

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, vesterday gave a warning against a "slick and smart" Budget aimed at having votes as he lent his voice to those in the Government trying to damp down bopes of hig tax cuts in the spring (Our Political Reporter writes).

If the Chancellor was "wise" he would ensure that his dispensations were governed by the need to meet public spending commitments and borrowing levels that did not disturb interest rates, Mr Biffen said on BBC Radio 4.

Last week, citing the recent £4.7 billion increase in planned spending as his chief constraint, Mr Nigel Lawson, told the Communs: "I doubt there will be much scope for reductions in taxation."

His remarks came after poblication of Treasury figures showing lower than expected borrowing, widely interpreted 25 opening the door to cuts of two or three pence off the basic rate of taxation. But many MPs on both sides of the House were unconvinced believing that the Chancellor was

party

Military police were of-

fered mince pies and

mulled wine yesterday when they arrived to deal

with peace protesters who

find they had "gatecrashed" a party in full swing around a Christ-

mas tree. complete with

Carol-singing protesters at RAF Chilwell, near Not-tingham, invited the offi-

cers to join in hut they declined and 16 people were arrested. The police said charges are likely to

Officers were startled to

entered an RAF base.

banbles and tinsel.

Abortion Peace pill tests

A drug company has asked the Department of Health for permission to test an abortion pill. Roussel, of France, is carrying out trials of a compound called RU486 in Enrope.

The pill is intended be taken up to eight weeks ioto pregnancy and cause the embryo to be rejected. In tests it has been 80 per

It is the next step from the "morning-after" pill, which contains a harmone that stops a fertilized egg from being implanted in the

Jamaican Concorde

British Airways has clinched a lucrative contract with Air Jamaica to lease Concorde for 12 consecutive weekend charter flights between New York and Muntego Bay (Onr

Air Correspondent writes).

The first flight left New York on Saturday with all its 100 seats occupied. It is the first time a foreign airline has chartered Concorde and gives BA a chance to boost the aircraft as a potential charter jet in the United States.

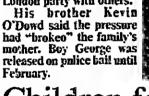
The Air Jamaica lease has been made possible because

of the cotback in Concorde flights to the United States which always takes place at this time of year. This left one Concorde standing idle at New York on Satordays for the

Family's pressure

The hrother of Boy George, the pop singer errested on Saturday un suspicion of having cannahis, said yesterday the family had "gone through

Boy George (right) was fined £250 in July for possessing heroin. He was stopped and searched early on Saturday morning while walking hume from a North London party with others. His brother Kevin O'Dowd said the pressure





Children found dead

A mother found her two youngest children dead in their beds yesterday morning. A boy, whn would have been three on Boxing Day, and his sister, aged nearly two, had been ill with what appeared

to be a throat infection.

Police are treating the deaths, on the Queensway Estate in Wellingborough. Northamptonshire, as "suspicious" because there is no immediate clue as to how they died. It is onderstood the police took bottles of medicine away for

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday by a Home Office pathologist at Kettering General Hospital.

Razzmatazz relaunch to revitalize fortunes

Alliance plans a radical 'facelift'

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

The Liberal/SDP Alliance is secretly planning to give itself a radical New Year facelist in an attempt to recapture its original "freshness" and revitalize electoral fortunes.

This will centre on the longawaited publication of its definitive policy document. and will involve a new logo, new colour schemes, new slogans, American-style methods of presentation, a rally which will be the biggest joint event the two parties have ever staged, and a week of intense grassroots activity at the country.

The effective relaunch has

been masterminded by Mr David Abbott, chairman of the advertising agency Ahbott will be unveiled at a press Mead and Vickers: Mr Roland conference and in a party Freeman, the Alliance's new publicity consultant who or-ganized the "Save the GLC" campaign, and Mr Paul Tyler, the former Liberal party chairman and chairman of the parliamentary lobbyists Good

The three men have been working on the campaign since October, have a hudget of pounds, and have kept the for Progress, the Alliance

constituency level throughout details of their plans secret the country. from all but a handful of

What the Alliance hopes will be a completely fresh look political broadcast on January 28 which will set the tone for the following days.

The focal point of the

campaign will come three days later at a Barbican rally provisionally entitled Election 87 for 2,000 Alliance faithful which will be along the lines of an American political convention. Its principal purpose will running into tens of thousands be the launch of Partnership

"hihle" of policies hammered out between the two parties Unhindered by the need to

take policy decisions however, the rally, in be attended by all the party's "names", will also be a media-orientated razzmatazz designed to grab public attention and demonstrate Alliance unity and

Some 10 key themes are to be extracted from Partnership for Progress. Each of which will he the subject of a presentation — probably by an actor — supported by film, music and what one source described as "extracts from literature". Only after each

enthusiasm

speak. Mr Bamber Gascoigne. the television presenter and Ailiance supporter, has been invited to be the anchor man

between presentations. Live bands will play during the intervals. However the rally will mark only the beginning of the campaign. Throughout the

already over-stretched defence budget to bring the radar fitted in the RAF's Tornado fighters following week it is to move up to standard. out to the constituencies to which more than a million Tornados, which are designed copies of "new look" eyeto fight attacking bombers at catching leaflets summarizing long range, has entered full operational service. But de-Alliance policies are to be distributed fence chiefs are still unhappy Michael Meadowcroft, about the Foxhunter radar

Kinnock is urged to expel 'loony left' By Sheila Guan Political Staff A senior member of the

Shadow Cabinet is to urge Mr Neil Kinnock to purge the "loony left" London councillors who, he believes, are hringing the party into disrepute. The former minister is to

write "a sharp note" to the Labour leader calling on him to make plain that their actions were not "in the name of the Labour Party".

He is also enclosing ma-terial handed out to schoolchildren in Labour-controlled boroughs such as Haringey. These actively promote homosexuality, giving explicit

The move will embarrass the Labour leader still further when he is under pressure to divorce the party from the actions of extreme left-wing councils which he knows will

Mr Kinnock has started the procedures which could expel Mr Tony Byrne, the new Liverpool Labour group lead-er, and Mr Tony Hood, the secretary, from the party.

He has attacked the "zealotry" of some left-wing council leaders but could not afford to face a further partysplitting round of expulsions. Such a purge would inevitably centre on Mr Bernie Grant, the hard left leader of Haringey council, who has pursued the controversial policies on racism, sexism and the rights of homosexuals. Mr Grant is to contest a safe Labour seat at the general election.

 Many Labour peers condemned the pro-homosexual policies of left-wing local authoritics when Lord local authorities from promotiog homosexuality in schools was given an unopposed second reading in Lords.

Lord Longford said he regarded homosexuals as handicapped people who could not enjoy family life. Lord Fitt said he gave the Bill his full support as he was convinced many Aids carriers were given positive education in favour of homosexuality when at school. The Bill stands little chance

of getting on the statute book without Government backing.



Economic warfare: The Inn on the Park at Dungannon, severely damaged by a car bomb.

IRA bombing blitz

Ulster security forces on full alert

Security forces in Northern Ireland are on full alert after a Provisional IRA bomhing hlitz against packed pubs and holels at the weekend.

The co-ordinated attacks in counties Tyrone and Londonderry have wrecked party plans for hundreds of people and threaten jobs in areas with historically high levels of unemployment.

Yesterday politicians con-demned the hypocrisy of the Provisional movement whose political wing campaigned for more jobs and better housing while its military wing attacks economic targets. No one was injured

Saturday night's attacks at two hotels and two bars, but thousands of pounds of damage was caused and the local economy will be seriously damaged by the bombing of licensed premises at the busiest period of their year.

The first attack occurred in Cookstown, Co Tyrone, when armed and masked terrorists planted several explosive devices at the Glenavon Hotel. The provisionals drove a hijacked car packed with explosives through locked plateglass doors while in another part of the huilding a number of a 12 strong terrorist team placed bombs and others rohbed the safe of a large of

quantity of cash. Guests were hurriedly moved out of the hotel which was seriously damaged when

five devices exploded. Eight minutes later at the Kildress Inn between Cookstown and Omagh

armed men planted bombs,

which caused extensive dam-

A few miles away at 8,30 pm

age when two exploded at 9

the provisionals dumped a hijacked car containing explosives outside the Gaugers Inn at Ballyronan on the shores of Lough Neagh. A controlled explosion damaged parked cars and properties but other explosives were made safe by army bomb disposal experts.

The terrorists then struck at the Inn on the Park Hotel at Dungannon where they dumped a hijacked car packed with explosives outside the entry to a discotheque which was about to open.

the hotel cleared when the bomh exploded 12 minutes later causing extensive

The leader of Ireland's Ro-

man Catholics said yesterday

that the Anglo-Irish agree-

ment had led to a drop in the level of nationalist support for

said the agreement had in-

creased the morale of national-

ists and had been "of symbolic

importance" to them. He ex-

pressed disappointment at the

amount of progress made, but

said the agreement "certainly whittled away a certain amount of support that might have been going to people much closer to violence".

He described the deal as an

Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich

terrorists.

The explosion occurred eight years to the day after a per cent respectively. similar attack at the popular hotel and Mr Rohert

Watersnn, the managing director, said yesterday: "It's a miracle no one was killed. We are a busy hotel booked out at and an explosion which this time day and night. If the disco had been open another south Belfast. disco and La
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ince that the terrorists planned ince that the terrorists planned a pre-Christmas bomh blitz.

Meanwhile police on both sides of the Irish border are searching for a Maze prison has failed to

another example of the rank hyprocrisy of the Provos. lanoceat lives were put at risk. The whole economy has been further depressed.

- The Provos will start to lecture us no doubt on the need for jobs."

In Cookstown and Dungannon unemployment rates are 36.8 per cent and 30.3

The attacks come after Provisional IRA attempts to dam- officer.

Cardinal backs 'anti-terror' pact

walking" and said that he had

been surprised at the scale and

extent of unionist opposition.

The Roman Catholic primate

refused to urge Roman Catho-

lics in Northern Ireland to join

the RUC, claiming that until

an inquiry into allegations that

the force operated a "shoot to

kill" policy was cleared up, young nationalists would be

Cardinal O Fiaich was

responding to a question dur-

ing an interview on Radio

Telefis Eireann, the Irish

hroadcasting service, on

whether he agreed with the

reluctant to join the force.

age hotels at Belleek in Co Fermanagh and Moneymore in Co Londonderry last week wrecked an RUC station in

escapee who has failed to teturn to jail after being given home leave. The Northern Ireland Of-

fice is holding an inquiry into why Patrick McIntyre, from Letterkenny, Co Donegal, was

McIntyre, aged 28, was nearing the end of a 15-year sentence for attempting to murder a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, but was facing charges which included the murder of a prison

affairs, who has said he would

be happy to see young Roman

Catholics making a career in

The cardinal said: "I don't

think we have reached that

precise point yet. I always have had an idea that the

solution to the police question

is the establishment of a

number of different local pol-

He said he had put this idea

to government ministers, al-

though it is known that the

concept is opposed by senior

MP in attack

over GCHO

staff shortage

The Government was yes-

The charge was laid by Mr Paddy Ashdown, a former

diplomat, who intends to

question the Government on

reports that the union ban at

the centre has led to staff

shortages. These are said to

have forced highly-skilled

computer operators to be

taken off intelligence work

and put on payroll duties.

By Tim Jones

officers in the RUC.

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projects Defence trials at the RAF's

main experimental establishment, which carried out radar tests for the GEC Nimrod project, are being delayed because of cutbacks in civilian

Work being forced to the back of the queue includes the development of a new radio for Chipmunk trainer aircraft, and tests on a new camera for the Scout helicopter.

mament Experimental Establishment at Boscombe Down, Wiltshire, has shed 650 jobs during the past seven years, in line with Ministry of effectiveness.

say the result has been business-style "hot management". deciding which projects must be given priority, such as Nimrod, and which can be delayed

with about 1,000 projects each year, some requiring a few weeks' work, others many months.
"We feel our output could

be improved with more people," one officer said. "We

Officers at the base emphasize however, that they are able to cope with their workload and the backlog of trials is not massive. Boscombe Down still has a civilian workforce of 1.150 alongside

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No advance for badly paid in 100 years

Britain are relatively worse off than they were 100 years ago, a Low Pay Unit report says The gap between the poor-

est workers and the rest is now wider than it was in 1886, the year when pay figures were irst collected. Making the comparison be-tween now and 100 years ago.

it says that in 1886 the average wage for men in full-time manual johs was £1.21 a week. Those in the bottom fifth earned 69 per cent of the average. In 1986, the bottom

fifth earned only 65 per cent. The unit says that this comes were within 40 per cent Christmas many workers will of supplementary benefit lev-face wage cuts because of the Wages Act, which weakens minimum wage protection. The first effects of the Act come into operation today pled since 1965. when some catering workers will have their pay cut by up to £12 a week. In the new year others will face cuts of up to £24 a week. It is the first time since the 1930s that people have faced such cuts.

poor pay with the rewards among the higher paid employees in white collar jobs. where 10 per cent earn more highest paid fifth of male fulltime workers had average pay rises of 8.5 per cent last year. Since 1979, they have had pay rises of 120 per cent. The CPAG; £1.50).

The poorest-paid workers in average male in full-time work had pay rises of 100 per cent during the same period, while the lowest-paid fifth had rises of 87 per cent. • Four times as many chil-

dren are living in families dependent on supplementary benefit compared with 1965, according to a report pub-lished today by the Child Poverty Action Group to mark its twenty-first anniversary. The report also concludes

that one third of all children in Britain would be regarded as living in poverty or on its margin, if families whose incomes were within 40 per cent The number of children living in families on or below supplementary benefit has tri-

Whereas most children living in poverty 20 years ago were in one-parent families, most now live in two-parent families where one is unemployed, the report states Between 1973 and 1983, the The report contrasts the rise in unemployment accounted for 75 per cent of the increase in child poverty. The report says that in 1965,

456,000 children under 16 than £20,000 a year. The lived in families dependent on supplementary benefit. In 1984, there were 1.95 million. Poor Children: A Tale of Two

Whitehall's secret underworld By a Staff Reporter

The Foreign Office is to make its world-wide communications network less vulnerable to electronic counter intelligence operations by installing a state of the art system in a Whitehall

But the £34 million plan has n delayed because of the Challenger space shuttle disaster which was to have launched the British-built Skynet 4 satellite which will transmit messages to emhassies and informationgathering centres around the world.

The British systems being installed in the air conditions basement will enable secret messages to be "scrambled" far more devilishly than hefore. At present, the Foreign

stations through telex ma-chines in Whitehall. The machinery, estimated to have a working life of 10 years, will increase efficiency and cut

The Foreign Office yes-terday described as "pure fantasy and rubbish" a report that the Prime Minister planned to introduce to the new centre the same "no union" rule operating at GCHQ in Cheltenham.

He also denied that poly-

graph lie detectors would be

introduced.

Apart from feeding Britain's intelligence chiefs, some staff at the centre also process pay for MI6 and other 'secret service branch operatives. One GCHQ employee said: "It is a ridiculous state of affairs brought about by the Office communicates with its union ban. We have lost more

than 100 of our best people." The Foreign Office admits that there have been staff shortages among key personnel, but reliable sources maintain the brain drain had more to do with staff being attracted elsewhere because of poor pay levels than with ideological

objections.
Mr Ashdown said: "It is ludicrous to divert precious resources from intelligence gathering to the administra-tion of the diplomatic

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Boost of

£100m

sought for

RAF jets

By Harvey Elliott

Air Correspondent

Defence. Mr George Younger, is being urged to find at least

another £100 million from the

The first squadron of F2

which has cost £700 million

and is six years behind

schedule.

contracts.

schedule.

The problems are a further emharrassment for GEC whose Nimrod early warning radar failed to beat off the challenge of the Boeing AWACS aircraft.

Although the Foxhunter radar works, it is still having problems with keeping track of a large number of largets, is

of a large number of targets, is vulnerable to jamming and

can interfere with the firing of

It is believed that those

problems can be solved. But it

will be expensive and will add

still further pressure on the defence budget already hur-

dened with the cost of cancel-

ling the Nimrod and other

So far the Foxhunter radar

has cost at least £250 million

more than the initial budget.

But Mr Younger is almost

certain to give the go-ahead for yet further finance to be

made available because the

long term effectiveness of the

system was a key element in clinching Britain's higgest ever export order when a total of

132 military aircraft worth about £4 hillion were sold to

Included in the package were 24 Tornado F2s similar

to those now being supplied to the RAF. Saudi Arabia made

it plain that it wanted guar-

antees that the radar would

work to the full specifications. So important was the con-

tract regarded by ministers

that they persuaded the RAF

to delay taking delivery of the

Tornados they needed so that

Saudi Arabia could be sup-

plied instead. The same con-

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the Tornado missiles.

The Secretary of State for

dition was put on the radar. GEC is now working with experts from British Aerospace to solve the remaining problems. It has delivered the existing equipment to the Ministry of Defence and it has been passed them on to the

Staff cuts hit defence

staff.

The Aeroplane and Ar-

Defence requirements on cost-Senior officers at the base

The establishment deals

are somewhai underterday accused by a Liberal MP of "doing more damage to the security of the secret information gathering station at GCHQ, Cheltenham, than any Russian mole".

> 180 service personnel. spokesman confirmed that staff cutbacks had led to a new management style, but said delays had affected only low priority projects. Those delays were measured in days and weeks rather than months.

bags 250 birds The Duke of Kent and six

Queen's pheasants during a five-hour shoot at Sandringham during the weekend. daughter, Lady Helen Windsor, joined them for lunch in the Queen's timber lodge, at Flitcham, Norfolk.

Double murder hunt as women are found a mile apart

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Detectives in Wiltshire were say if the door had been locked last night investigating the murders of two women killed within hours of each other in the cathedral city of Salisbury during the weekend.

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working on the cases. The the party or living in the murders took place within a mile of each other.

The first murder took place early on Saturday morning in a first floor bedroom at Herbert House, a half-way hostel

for people recovering from mental illness.

The dead woman, Miss Ruth Perrett, aged 25, had been at party with 13 other residents, street and forter residents. residents, staff and former patients. There were 30 to 40 guesis at the party which finished about midnight. Miss Perrett went up to her

room and was found naked and dead in bed next morning. The door to her bedroom was locked and the window was

taken by a senior officer from

another force to determine

whether the renewed search hy

Greater Manchester police for

more bodies should be

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is under increasing pressure to order

the independent review to be

carried out immediately, now

the search of snow-blanketed

Saddleworth Moor has been

suspended nntil spring.
The official wbo is likely to

undertake the reappraisal is Mr Colin Sampson, West Yorkshire chief constable,

who this year took over the

sensitive investigation into

the alleged Royal Ulster Constabulary shoot to kill policy from Mr John Stalker

and then led an inquiry into

allegations that Mr Stalker,

Greater Manchester's deputy chief constable, brought the

Senior Home Office of-

ficials have privately ex-pressed disquiet over the

renewed search for more

young victims believed buried

on the moor by Ian Brady and

Myra Hindley, arguing that no

new evidence has emerged to

24-hour release from Cookham Wood iail in Kent

to revisit the area she fre-

quented with ber former lover

was delayed for more than a

Permission for Hindley's

force into disrepute.

justify the operation.

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from inside because there was no sign of a key. The dead woman had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Last night detectives led by Det Chief Supt Joseph Ralls, head of Wiltshire CID, were terday interviewing people at There was no sign of bur-

The party was attended by 12 other residents, 22 former residents and five staff were on duty. Miss Perrett went to the hostel after receiving treatment at the adjoining Old Manor Psychiatric Hospital. She worked one day a week in an Oxfam shop and had

been receiving treatment for eight months. Mr Ralls said: Clearly there is at least one person at large in the community who is a danger to the public, women in particular, and the sooner he is caught the The second body was found

cked and the window was early yesterday by two patrol-ling policeman. As Salisbury police began investigating the

Hurd is pressed to Fears over

gerous journey.

Many politicians too be-

lieve a new investigation is a

pointless press pautomime which can bring only further

anguish to the parents of the

Mr Alex Carlile, Liberal

bome affairs spokesman, yes-

terday called for the search be

abandoned and the moors

murders file closed unless a

senior officer from another

police force and the Home

Secretary together agreed that

enough new facts had emerged to justify its continuation.

regarded the search as ghoul

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about MPs be accused of

cagerly jumping on to a media bandwagon and criticizing an

operation about which they

knew few of the facts.

two missing children.

review moors hunt

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

murders case may be under- costly and potentially dan-

A review of the moors doubts about the value of the



Druids see in an ancient new year

More than 200 people gathtemperatures yesterday to watch the winter solstice sunrise, while chanting Draids celebrated the beginning of

Wiltshire police stood by at the 4,500-year-old monument on Salishury Plain but made no arrests.

English Heritage, custodi-aus of the stones (right), had given special permission for the celebrants, some of whom are shown above, to be admitted tn the inner circle. Groups of hippies chanted and held hands as the sun rose in a cloudless sky and the Secular Order of Druids abserved their rituals within the henge.



(Photographs: Nick Rogers).

BR budget cut threat A damning indictment of British Rail has been prepared by transport watchdogs calling

be on the lookout for a white

Ford Escort belonging to Mrs Beryl Deacon, aged 45.

The woman, a market re-searcher, was due to keep an

appointment in Salisbury at

Dam on Saturday, but did not

arrive. The two police found

her car in a car park and then

checked a lavatory block at

Churchill gardens near by, a

Her body was found on the floor inside a locked cubicle. The body was clothed and yesterday police said she is thought to have died at about 10 mg. Saturday from

10am on Saturday from suffocation after an attack in

which her bead was injured.

She had been sexually

Yesterday a spokesman for

Wiltshire police denied the

two murders were being linked to another killing in

Hampshire when a barmaid was strangled.

local council park.

on the Government to defer its deadline for trimming the board's state subsidy. The report from the Central

Transport Consultative Com-mittee claims that reduced staffing levels have prompted women to stop using a third of BR stations for fear of attacks. lt calls for ministers to reconsider the deadline for

proposals to reduce BR's budget by £157 million within three years, saying that further staff cutbacks will exacerbate the problem. for the Mr Len Secretary

Mr Carlile said many constituents and fellow MPs committeee, Mr Len Dumelow, said: "There is evidence that in rural areas cutbacks on staffing have most indecent. Last week be opened up the opportunity for assaults, vandalism and evoked an angry response from Chief Supt Peter Top-ping, head of Greater Manbooliganism.
"If trains are late or even chester CID, by describing the

cancelled passengers may have some time to wait at a station which is not manned protected."

The report comes two weeks before the introduction of fare increases averaging between 5 and 6 per cent

Mr Carlile said: "Senior Home Office officials have British Rail faces a reduction of subsidy under the spoken to me repeatedly about proposals from £712, million the intense anxiety concerning to £555 million by 1989. But a the new investigation. There is spokesman for British Rail strongly refuted the allegation an ever increasing body of opinion that it should end that women were frightened to use unmanned stations.

Christmas travel, page 5

to alter in child cases

By Sheila Ganu **Political Staff**

The investigation and conduct of child abuse cases is to he improved by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary. He has ordered an urgent study 'nf police methods in handling the victims of child

abuse which will lead to a circular next year, laying down new guidelines to chief police

Mr Hurd said it would be similar to the two circulars issued on rape, covering the investigation of offences and treatment of victims.

This is part of a package of measures the Home Secretary has announced for better protection for children which, he said, must be a top goverument priority.
These include checks on

newly-recruited staff and volunteers in contact with children in education, social and probation services.

Mr Hurd promised that where a compelling case can be made out for other jobs involving access to children to he checked, he would consider t sympathetically.

He also said, in a Commons written reply: "Those sentenced to life imprisonment for the sexual or sadistic murder of children must normally expect to remain in custody for at least 20 years. Those sentenced to more

than five years for physical or sexual abuse of children will be granted perole only . . . in circumstances which are genuinely exceptional."

The Home Office is preparing circulars on the treatment of children in long-term hos-pital care and also on staff emplayed in independent schools. A project is under way by

the Metropolitan Police and Bexley social services depart-ment, using dolls as interviewing aids to help children explain what has been done to them in cases of abuse. Mr Hurd said that en-

couraging greater reporting of cases of abuse was a step forward, as shown by the response to the recent Child Watch programme.

Blackpool comes clean over polluted beaches

society.

Guidelines | Record takings as shops ignore law Two hranches of Wool-

Shops and stores which defied Sunday trading laws by

have banned Sunday trading were mainly do-it-yourself, furniture and garden stores.
In London, Greenford and Southall were busiest, with

MFI. W H Smith's Do It All, B & Q and garden centres doing brisk business. Trade has never been better, all the big DIYs and

garden centres around here are open today, as well as hundreds of small shops in Southail", the Greenford B & O said. Do It All in Edgware Road,

London, said Christmas trees were their most popular item.
"All the competition around here has opened -Homebase, Texas, Payless and B & Q. I don't think the local council approve, but business is great," the deputy manager, Mr Jeremy Hugo. said.

Some stores were deterred by council disapproval. Texas Homecare in Hayes, north London, was forced to close its doors yesterday after a High Court injunction.

This year's seasonal cam-

paign against drinking and

driving has been "well-received", the Department of

Transport said yesterday, on the eve of the key period for

The department and the

police have this year tried to

widen the campaign to cover not only the Christmas and

new year period but the year

as a whole. The £600,000

campaign hinges on slogans

such as: "If you drink and

drive you're a menace to

department's optimism is ex-

pected today, when a number

The first test of the

testing its success.

Optimism over annual

drink-drive campaign

By a Staff Reporter

worth found a way round the problem. The Islington and opening yesterday reported record takings for a pre-Christmas Sunday.

Those which opened in areas where local authorities days a week. They open on Sundays but close on

Some who opened yesterday were reluctant to divulge any details. Halfords in Wood Green, north London, would only admit that no other stores were open in the

Great Mills D I Y in Northallerton, North Yorkshire, were open but would not say if any others in the group were. Many stores said they were forbidden to talk to anyone about Sunday trading.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter. chairman of Sort Out Sunday. a campaign to rationalize Sunday trading, said the Sunday trading law was a nonsense. "The law is out of touch

with public opinion, the case for deregulation is very strong. It's ridiculous that you can buy pornography on a Sunday but not a Bible. This matter is bringing the law itself into

Already a note of pessimism

has been struck in Sussex.

where the head of the force's

accident prevention unit said:

"Figures reveal a total dis-regard by some drivers for

their own and other people's

safety." Chief Insp Rod Win-

ter said too many motorists

were ignoring the present

In the past two weeks.

Sussex police have arrested

144 motorists for being over

the legal alcohol limit. They

are to issue more figures

Metropolitan Police, have this year abandoned mounting ex-

tra patrols against drunk driv-

Many forces, including the

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of big police forces are likely to ers in line with the new general

Cash-back claim over TV ban

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

A BBC television drama about the road transport business will not be televised pending an investigation into the funding of the programme.

The programme, Night Moves, was abruptly cancelled on Friday night after the BBC received allegations that up to £75,000 of programme finance had been supplied by the road transport industry.

Company sponsors are demanding the return of £45,000, representing the first two of three instalments they agreed to make towards the ргодгатте.

A BBC spokeswoman said yesterday that the drama would not be shown "until we are totally clear about the relationship between the suppliers of some of the trucks and the source of the coproduction finance brought in by the independent production company".

Mr Jeff Perks, a director of the independent producers. Riverfront Pictures of Wapping, east London, said yesterday he was consulting his lawyers and would have no comment.

The decision to cancel the broadcast was taken by BBC executives because of fears that the financial arrangements for the programme may have violated the BBC's constitution, which prohibits the televising of sponsored

Money to make the programme was contributed by Volvo Trucks. Petrofina. Bandag Tyres, the Road Haulage Association, TNT Transport, Wincanton Transport, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and the trade magazine Commercial Motor.

transmission of a six-part television series called The Secret Society presented by the left-wing journalist, Mr Dun-

Pressure on the BBC to withdraw the series is being applied by the Freedom Association, which is chaired

terday said editing of the series would be complete in about two weeks.

Portfolio —Gold— Five share **Christmas** surprise

Five readers shared the weekly Portfulio Gold prize of £24,000, each receiving £4,800.

Mrs Caroline Pahnke, aged 30, a teacher, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, plans to use her wimnings for home improvements. "My first thought was that I could dn with a new kitchen," she said. "And with one son aged 18 mnnths, and another baby due in April, the bedrooms could be in for a facelift too.

Mrs Pahnke has been a reader of The Times for five reader in The Times for live years and has played Portfulin Gold since the game started. "Winning was a lovely Christ-mas surprise," she added. Another teacher, Mrs Dorry Glockling, nf Oxford, plans to press her write money to belo

use her prize money to help her children. "I have four children, two of them at college in London, which is expen-sive, so the money will go towards the family."

Mrs Glockling has been a reader of The Times for nearly three years, and has also been playing Portfulio Gold since the game started. She checks her numbers during her daily journey into central London, where she teaches at an independent school.

The other weekly winners were: Miss Elizabeth Porter, nf Sarratt, near Rickmanswnrth, Hertfinrd-Rickmansworth, Herrinrd-shire; Mr Vijay Joshi, of Lower Hillmorton, Rughy, Warwickshire, and Mr An-drew Heffernan, of Fnike-stone, Kent. Satnrday's dividend reached £24,000 as there had been no winners for the previous two weeks.

Three readers shared Saturday's daily Portfulin Gold prize of £4,000, each receiving £1,333.

Lieutenant Colonel Jnhn Watson, aged 64, of Cobham, Surrey, plans to use some of his prize towards a trip to Papua New Guinea, where he will visit his son. The Lieuten-ant-Colonel, who is retired, is a regular reader of *The Times* and has been playing Portfolio Gold since the game started. Mr Adam Leligdowicz, aged

29, a plant engineer, of Northwich, Cheshire, plans to spend some of his winnings on seasonal celebrations. "It's very nseful jnst before



Mrs Dorry Glockling, devoting her win to her children.

Christmas," he said. "It will help cancel out some of the debts!" He has been a reader of The Times for four years. Mr Harry Godwin, aged 36,

a civil engineer from Lann-ceston, Cornwall, said his family would benefit from his win. The Godwin family, regular readers of The Times for 20 years, play the Portfolio Gold game together. Mr Godwin's parents, his sister and his aunt will share the prize money. "It was very good news just before Christmas," he said. Readers can obtain a Port-

folio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope Portfnlie Gold,

The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Advice service for patients on blacklist

A counselling service to try to maintain good relations. between doctors and patients. is to be tried out in Wales in. response to increasing evidence of a breakdown in. communications.

The West Glamorgan. Community Health Council. alarmed by the growing incidence of doctors refusing to treat patients, is to set up a counselling service to help people whose general practitioners no longer wish to see

them. Community health officers believe the counselling is necessary to help patients get over the shock of being refused treatment. But they also hope that the new service may preempt doctors from resorting to such drastic action.

Doctors can refuse to see patients without giving any reason, but there is always a hard core, such as the patient in Wales who regularly directs traffic in the nude, whose behaviour doctors find unacceptable. Straightforward personality clashes and increased tensions between the surgery and the waiting room

also take their toll In West Glamorgan last year, of the 316 patients refused treatment by GPs, 67 had difficulty getting accepted

month because of ministers Six held over death at match

Six men will appear before magistrates in Scarborough today to face charges in connection with the sudden death of Mr Barry Adamson. chairman of the town's football club.

Police last night refused to say what charges the six will face but said they were not Leeds United supporters as had been reported earlier.

A post-mortem examination of Mr Adamson was carried out yesterday by Dr Michael Green, a Home Office pathologist, and an inquest will open this morning.

Mr Adamson, aged 47, a clerk at the Department of Health and Social Security, who weighed 20 stone, was involved in an incident as he and Mr Don Robinson, his predecessor at Scarborough, and now chairman of Hull City, went to reason with rowdy supporters in an almost empty corner of the stadium.

Police were busy dealing with a group who bad tried to force their way in at the main gates without paying and it was several minutes before they could take effective action

At half-time in the match which Scarborough won 1-0, the police started to take statements and as Mr Adamson was assisting he collapsed and was dead on arrival at Searborough Hospital.

Yesterday police were trying to piece together the sequence of events which led to the death at the usually peaceful ground.

Mr Robinson said: " I am shattered by all this and I shall never try to deal with a crowd again. Everything was so friendly and then it all went wrong.

Mr Adamson leaves a wife. Betty, and a teenage son. Andrew, who were both on duty at the ground; Mrs monitoring through radar sur-Adamson in the cluh shop and veys and mathematical models: her son selling programmes.

Police defend informer in Gandhi conspiracy

conspiring to assassinate Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian prime minister.

Jarnail Ranuana, aged 46, a company director and Sukvinder Gill, aged 30, a dyer, both of Leicester, were sentenced to 16 years and 14 years imprisonment respectively at Birmingham Crown Court on Saturday.

They were found guilty of conspiracy to murder Mr Gandhi; and soliciting two undercover policemen, who pretended to be IRA gunmen, to kill him during his official visit to Britain 15 months ago. Ranuana was additionally

convicted of possessing a .38 revolver and supplying heroin. A third man, Parmatma Marwaha, aged 43, a jeans factory owner, also of Leicester, was acquitted and

Mr Justice McCullough said: "You have brought disbonour on the Sikh popula-tion in the United Kingdom." independent Sikh state in governments."

The twenty-year push to improve the quality of British

bathing waters has taken a big step forward with the start of

preliminary testing at Blackpool's often criticized

The North West Water

Authority is to spend £1.5 mil-

lion on an extensive research

programme into local tides and

The move is aimed at help-

ing choose a sewage disposal

scheme which will eliminate

problems caused by excessive

The research, which in-

bacteria content in the water.

volves sophisticated water

and periodic sampling of the

Bernard Levin, page 12

Senior detectives have de- India - as they were sentenced fended their undercover op- and afterwards 200 Sikh eration to smash the plot by suporters blocked a road out-two Sikhs who were jailed for side the court for four hours.

proper.

police, gone into hiding.

of gratitude. Whatever people and his family at risk and he gave evidence twice, when he

be able to act."

Parmatma Marwaha, the released Sikh, said of the case: Ranuana and Gill shouted: "If there was any conspiracy, "Long live Khalistan" - a ref- it was a conspiracy between erence to Sikh demands for an the British and Indian

pound, national clean-up of beaches.

short outfall pipes, which gush

mutreated sewage into the sea only yards offshore, is still apparent at some of the most famous bathing spots, includ-ing Blackpool, Scarborough in

north Yorkshire, St Ives and

Penzance in Cornwall, and

Water anthorities through-

out the country are investing a

total of £280 million in an

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Great Yarmouth in Norfolk.

By Craig Seton

that the use of two undercover policemen acting as IRA killers for hire and an underworld informer who tipped police off about the Sikh plot had been

Defence counsel had ac-

was severely attacked.

cused the undercover policemen of acting as agents provocateurs in a plot set up by the police informer, known only as John. The informer has now, with the help of

Det Insp Albert Shevas, head of the Leicestershire drug squad, said of the police informer: "We owe him a debt say about him he put himself

Leicestershire police said

"Without people like him coming forward, we would not

Letters, page 13 issue their first figures.

beach, is part of a multimillion bacteriological contamination summer presents a serious which can cause ear, nose and The South West Water throat infections, upset stom-The Victorian legacy of achs and skin rashes to Authority, which covers popuswimmers. lar summer destinations. The solution is to install new including Devon and Cornwall, some of Somerset and Lyme Regis in Dorset, has just onshore sewage treatment plants, or pump the efficient further out to sea through

> The cost is immense and as no government funding is available, water authorities have to negotiate special loans or raise the money through increases in charges. For some authorities, the

> combination of a large coast-

much longer coastal outfall

pipes, or both.

Locally discharged, unline, a small winter population treated sewage is the source of and a large influx of tourists in

monitored 92 beaches, of which 25 failed to meet the EEC standard for water Monitoring is to continue on

another 92 beaches next summer and a £30 million capital works programme is under way to tackle the worst places, but the authority estimates it would need to spend £200 million tn meet the Government's stated aim of faving 350 beaches around Britain comply with EEC endards for hathing.

Notorinusly polluted beaches can still be found in each of the 10 water authority districts in England and Wales, according to Mr Tony Wakefield, director and founder of the Coastal Anti-Pollution League. Mr Wakefield, who started

the league in 1958 after his daughter contracted polio from swimming in sewage-ridden water, said: "Water authorities are finally taking the problem seriously. They've had to. We've given them awful publicity and so has the and the techniques used to EEC. Between as, we've protect atomic power stations shamed them into action."

• The BBC has delayed the

The BBC had intended to televise the series on BBC 2 starting next month. But the transmission was cancelled and no new date for broadcast has been set.

by Mr Norris McWhirter and which counts among its supporters the Conservative MP. Mr Winston Churchill. A BBC spokesman yes-

The spokesman defended the impartiality of the series, which is understood to take a critical look at the Emergency Powers Act, the accountability of the intelligence services, the use and abuse of data banks, the Cabinet committee system

and defence installations. † by another practice.

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Home Office fails to curb release of psychopaths

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Home Office ministers have lost their battle to impose tighter controls on the powers of mental health tribunals to release psychopaths from hospitals

In spite of concern about four recent cases, where psychopathic offenders who had been sent to special hospitals were released and committed similar offences, the law is not to be changed and tribunals will continue to be able to release such offenders on medical grounds.

The decision represents a

victory for Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, who was against the Mental Health Act being amended so soon after its 1983 introduction.

He argued that the proposals would not necessarily lead to greater protection for A joint Home Office and

Department of Health and Social Security working party recommended tighter controls in a consultation document published in August. It was compiled after anxi-

ely concerning a case in which a tribunal overruled the wishes of the Home Secretary and discharged a psychopath detained for the manslaughter

of a girl aged 12. On his release James Kay committed two serious assaults on women and is now serving a six-years sentence.

Kay was discharged from Act, debate been in open are Liverpool, by a mental short time.

bealth uribunal in spite of Home Office objections.
In July, Mr David Mellor.

Minister of State at the Home Office, who was a keen advocate of a change in the law, said that between September 1983 and the end of last year 38 patients had been discharged by tribunals, and four thanks the committee the same to have committed. were known to have committed similar subsequent scrious

offences.
The consultation paper proposed a change in section 37 of the Mental Health Act to enable courts to send an offender requiring treatment direct to a hospital; the offender would spend a specified minimum period either in hospital or, after hospital treatment, in prison.

Since a judgement by the European Court of Human Rights in 1981, doctors on tribunals have been empowered to release offenders, even if there are fears in the Home Office that the public may be at risk.

But in a Commons written reply, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said: "We have decided not to proceed with an amendment to the Mental Health Act."

No reasons were given, but Home Office sources said later that the weight of opinion in the consultation exercise had been against change, that only small numbers of cases were involved, and that the 1983 Act, debated at length, had been in operation for only a



Workmen prepare to lift part of the medieval bridge from a site in Kingston upon Thames (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Medieval bridge put in Teacher who betrayed movable plaster cast

developed to preserve the re-mains of a medieval bridge so that it could be moved and put into storage for two years. The foundations and the undercroft, or supporting bolt, nace carried an ancient wooden bridge believed to date from the twelfth century.

The ancient remains were uncovered at Kingston upon Thames, London, during archaeological investigations before the development of a site for the John Lewis stores group. It took 12 weeks to prepare for removal.

A special technique was Pynford South, a group of specialist structural engineers, and involved scraping the earth from beneath the structures to put steel supports underneath in preparation for reinforced

The andercroft was fitted with supporting struts and coated with epoxy resin to protect it during the lift and its journey on a 48-wheel trailer. For further protection, it was covered with hessian and plaster that can be easily removed. The intention is to return

The method was devised by development is complete.

Bamber may lose job

By Michael Horsnell Miss Julie Mugford, who she taught. She faces a disci-

plinary hearing.
Miss Mugford said yesbetrayed Jeremy Bamber to the police, may have to give up her career as a teacher only terday: "A lot of what I have a week after receiving her done many other teachers education degree from Prinhave done Miss Mugford told Chelmscess Anne.

ford Crown Court that Bamber, aged 25, had plotted During the trial for murder of her former boy friend in October Miss Mugford, aged for months to murder bis family to inherit nearly £500,000 from his parents. 22. admitted that she had smoked cannabis with him, He was given five life sentences for shooting dead his adoptive parents, Nevill and June Bamber, his sister. accompanied him on a bur-

glary, and been involved in cashing worthless cheques in London. Sheila, and her twin sons, aged suspension from the south six, at the family home at London primary school where Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex.

ABBEY NATIONAL FIVE STAR ACCOUNT.

Farming surpluses: 1

Forest planting a possible curb on food mountains

As the EEC struggles to contain farm surpluses, forestry is attracting increasing attention as an economically and environmentally beneficial alternative land use. In the first of three articles, John Young, Agriculture correspondent, outlines the issues.

Professor Colin Spedding, director for the Centre for Agricultural Strategy at Reading University, are a number of maps of land use in Europe.

The most immediately stri-king feature is the relatively unv area of Britain under forestry compared with the great swathes of green cover-ing much of the Continent. Woods and forests occupy only 10 per cent of our total land; among the developed countries of the northern hemisphere only Ireland and The Neiherlands have fewer trees. In France the proportion is 27 per cent, in West Germany 30 per cent, Spain 31 per cent and Finland 76 per

Nowadays it is easy to forget that just as farming was left to founder, so the woodlands, stripped to supply the needs of war and industrial revolution, were not adequately replaced.

Although there have been considerable, and frequently controversial, replanting during the past 20 years, we still import more than 90 per cent of our timber and timber products, at a cost to the balance of payments last year of more than £4,500 million.

The forecasts are that timber will become scarcer and ing countries are also likely to switch to exporting the more valuable finished product A second very important reason for planting more trees is the general acceptance of the

On the wall of the office of need to take a certain amount of land out of agriculture to reduce surpluses.

Practically every investiga-tion of alternative land uses and farm woodlands make the most sense economically and offer the only means of utilizing unwanted farmland on the

The Dutch, who have probably the most intensive agricultural structure in the world have come to much the same

The obvious difficulty is that forestry provides no financial reward for a dauntingly long period. Apart from marginal returns from coppicing, it is likely to be 60 years or so before conifers become marketable and as much as 150 years before hardwoods reach maturity; although Britain has one of the most favourable climates in the world for growing timber.

There are numerous, and frequently generous, grants and tax concessions for tree primarily at large landowners.

Compensating farmers for income lost by not growing arable crops or keeping live-stock is a different matter. However the National Farmers' Union has calculated that a realistic annual payment for woodland planting and maintenance would be cheaper than continuing to subsidize surpluses.

Christmas travel

Extra trains and coaches laid on

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Eve as transport operators try

extra Inter-City services and National Express, the long distance arm of the National Bus Company, will have 1,500 coaches on the roads.

Outline of main services: **British Rail**

• December 22 and 23: Normal weekday service with extra trains to some destinations. Christmas Eve: Normal
Wednesday service, with extra
services early in the day, and
some evening commuter trains cancelled. The system will close by 10pm, with most trains starting their last journeys be-

Christmas Day and Boxing Day: No services.

December 27: Normal Saturday service, although most early morning trains will not

 December 28: Normal Sunday service.

December 29 and 30: Normal weekday service hut with re-duced commuter services. December 31: Normal Wednesday service in Scotland

RAC is to list barrier priorities

By Our Transport Correspondent

The Royal Automobile Club is to supply the Department of Transport with a list of dual carriageway trunk roads which it regards as being of top priority for the installation of central crash barriers.

This comes after an announcement by Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, that in future the barriers would be installed on most such roads. The barriers, designed to prevent vehicles crossing from one carriageway to the other. are installed on most motorways, but only exceptionally on trunk roads. Major roadworks until Monday,

Most roadworks have been either completed or suspended for the Christmas and new year

London and South-

A3 Putney: Night time turning restrictions at junction with A306, Roebampion Lane. One week from today.
MII London: Major roadworks

al Redbridge roundabout (Ai2).M2 Kent: Lane restrictions between junctions 5 and 7 (Sittingbourne and Faversham). Until end of December. M20 Kent: Contraflow between junctions 7 and 8 (Maidstone). Till December 31.
M27 Hampshire: Contraflow

near Southampton between junctions 2 and 3 (A31 and M271). No westbound exil at junction 2 and no westbound entry at junction 3 from M271.

Midlands M5 West Midlands: Two lanes both ways between junctions 5 and 6 (Droilwich and Worces-ter) and some lane closures

Hundreds of extra coaches but with last trains generally and trains will be running running before 10pm. No over-from today until Christmas right trains except for Irish boat Eve as transport operators try trains to and from Holyhead.

to cope with three of the busiest travelling days of the year.

British Rail will operate 150 extra Inter-City services and National Express the long to the busiest travelling days of the work Southeast services in north-east England. Most Network Southeast services will service and the business of the business of the long travellers and the business of the busine operate to a Sunday timetable. London bus and

> Underground Underground
> There will be no bus or Underground services in London on Christmas Day, apart from the Al Airbus to Heathrow. There will be special services on Boxiog Day for buses and Underground. On December 29: 30. 3t and January 2, most bus services will run to Saturday timetables. Buses and Underground will purp to Sunday. ground will run to Sunday timetables on New Year's Day.

On New Year's Eve, travel on London buses and the Under-ground will be free after Ĭ 1.45pm.

National Express The National Bus Company, including its long distance arm, will operate very few services on Christmas Day, although there will be some services to hospitals. There will be services from London to many large cities on Boxing Day.



(Bromsgrove and Mo).
M50 Hereford and Worcester:
Contraflow east of junction 4 (A449 Ross-on-Wye).

M54 West Midlands: Various lane closures between junctions 2 and 7 (A449 Wolverhampton and A5 Wellington). North

M1 South Yorkshire: Repair work between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop and A630 Rotherham). Slip road closures at junctions 31 and 32 (M18 Interchange).
M6 Lancashire: Roadworks at

M6 Lancashire Roadworks at junction 23 (Merseyside) until end of December. Contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston and M55 interchange). M61 Blacow Bridge, Lancashire: Construction work at M6 interchange. Lane closures both directions. M63 Greater Manchester: Ma-

vious creater Manchester: Major widening at Barton Bridge. Various restrictions between junctions I and 7 (M62 and A57), avoid if possible. M63 Greater Manchester: Link road from A34, junction 10, to M63 northbound, carriageway reduced to single lane only for bridge painting.

Wales and the West M5 Aven and Somerset: Lane closures both ways between junctions 26 and 27 (Wellington and Tiverton). Finishes tomor

Scotland M8 Giasgow: Construction

work between junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dumbarton). A74 Lanarkshire: Contraflow south of Abrugion.
A82 Dunbartonshire: Major roadworks south of Ardlui. De

information complied and supplied by AA Roadwatch. Other roadworks, page 16.

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important, the answer is yes.

There are a lot of details that I

would answer definitively no, but something like that, sure."

In an implied swipe at Senator Dole he repeated his loyalty to

the President, saying that he

lowa, where a local poll

among Republicans showed that Senator Dole had over-taken him by 28 points to 25.

Seven months ago a similar poll gave Mr Bush a 34 to 16

According to The Washington Post yesterday, the Reagan Administration in re-

cent weeks has sent new

messages to Iran encouraging

relations, although arms sales would not be part of the bargain. The report was de-nied by the State Department.

But the paper quoted a State

Department official as saying

that it was important for the

• Khashoggi funds: Mr Ad-

businessman, to help to fi-

The newspaper, claiming to have obtained the transcript

of parts of an American TV

interview which was never

broadcast, said the arms

dealer and Iranian middleman

approached Mr Rowland, chief executive of the Lonrho

Western sources indicated

per cent lead.

strategic area.

would not "cut and run". He made his remarks in

The United States Vice- to the Nicaraguan Contras, he President, Mr George Bush, said: "I think something that has acknowledged that the Iranian arms controversy has cost him his lead in the race for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination. He said he shared the blame for the

A new opinion posl shows that his popularity has fallen substantially, leaving him with only a marginal lead over Senator Robert Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate. "I wish it hadn't hap-pened." he said. "Everybody should share in the blame."

While he was "no longer the front-runner". he said it was nonsense to suggest that he and President Reagan would

"stay down" in popularity. He refused to answer certain key questions about his role in the affair, saying. "I don't discuss inside workings of the White House." Senator Dole is doing nothing to still the flames of controversy. He said that Mr Reagan had not yet convinced the American public that he had done all he

could to get at the truth.

"He urged the appointment of a special counsel, he let his people testify on the (Capitol) Hill, and so on. But there is still a lot of confusion out there still a feeling that he has to do something bold himself to clear the air," he said.

A poll sponsored by US News & World Report and Cable News Network shows that as a result of the scandal Mr Bush is now the choice of 25 per cent of those questioned, compared to 20 per cent for Senator Dole. In the past Mr Bush's lead has been as high as 37 points.

Asked whether he and Mr Reagan should have known about the diversion of money lion for weapons shipments.

release of Western hostages.

to Beirut on Christmas Eve.

Following disclosures in

Washington about the White

House's arms for hostages

deal with Iran, he said. his mission had been set back and

his contacts had gone

"In the last two or three weeks I have resumed my contacts in Lebanon," he told

The Archhishop's emissary.

who was credited with having

negotiated the release of three

American hostages until the

Iran scandal surfaced in Washington, will primarily be

two British captives, Mr Joho

underground.

The Times.

Waite plans Beirut trip

for new hostage talks

By Nicholas Beeston

Mr Terry Waite, the Arch- McCarthy of Essex, and Mr

He said that the timing of that some progress has been

his return to Lebanon de made in the case of Mr pended on whether he re- McCarthy, the acting bureau

ceived guarantees for his chief for Worldwide Tele-

security, but he did not rule vision News, who was kid-

out the possibility of flying in napped in April by unid-

working for the freedom of Mr Terry Waite: Ready to

entified gunmen.

bishop of Caoterbury's special Brian Keenan of Belfast, and

envoy, said yesterday he two Americans, Mr Terry planned to return to Beirut to Anderson and Mr Thomas

resume negotiations for the Sutherland.

Home again — to a daughter not seen since 1966

Hero of Cuba's revolt set free

From Richard Wigg Madrid

After enduring 21 years in jail as a political prisoner, Sedor Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, a Spanish-born here of the Cuban revolution, arrived here yesterday having been freed by President Castro.

"At all times in prison, in the democracy."

the dungeons, I want to tell you, I felt a solidarity in spite of being kept incommuni-cade," the former gnerrilla leader, aged 52, said during a hrief emotional appearance at Madrid's Barajas Airport af-ter 2 direct flight from

Señor Gutierrez, one of two foreign-born "commandantes" who led the fight against the Batista regime — the other was Señor Ernesto "Che" Guevara - was freed in time fo Christmas thanks to an appeal to President Castro by Senor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, when visiting

Caba last month.

Though speaking with a strong voice and looking reasonably well when he thanked Señor González and US to continue making serious and persistent efforts to improve relations because Iran is a key country in a King Juan Carlos for his liberation, Senor Gutierrez put nan Khashoggi, the Saudi off reporters' questioning for a

arms dealer, borrowed £4 million from Mr Roland Tiny Rowland, the British "I am overcome with the emotions of arriving," he said, emhracing a 24-year-old danghter he had not seen for 20 nance a secret arms sale to Iran, The Sundoy Times said yesterday (Nicholas Beeston

The former guerrilla, who became disillusioned with the Castro regime's growing align-ment with the Soviet Union, had left Madrid as a child towards the end of the Civil War, in which his father fought in the Republican

Army.
Señor Gutierrez entered Ha-vana one week before Dr Castro, and was afterwards given Cuban citizenship.

But he left Cube in 1961, returning with an armed band of Cuban exiles living in the

United States.

He was first sentenced to death in 1965 for "rebellion against the fatherland", afterwards commuted to 30 years' jail hat given a 25-year additional sentence in a subsequent trial for allegedly leading anti-Castro forces from jail.

Since the advent of Spanish democracy in 1977, repeated efforts had been made to secure his release.

Senor Gatierrez, in an inter- plenty of fuel aboard. view with a Spanish reporter Cuba broadcast yesterday af- ter a particularly violent After his arrival, explained his rica crossing in which they attitude to the

He said that he fought in the revolution for profound changes and that to him it did not mean tyranny or repression. He denied President Castro's claim that he had been a CIA

He accused the Cuban regime of seeking to break political prisoners by forcing them "to vegetate completely". It was only in the last few months in jail that be had been do so for a day and a half. The able to read any books, he

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Chinese demonstrations may herald fresh power struggle

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Observers of Chinese affairs here are divided as to whether the student demonstrations in Shanghai at the weekend are a spontaneous affair or yet another manifestation of a power struggle in the Chinese

Shanghai has always been volatile and the fiercest struggles of the Cultural Revolution took place there. All the members of the now-jailed "Gang of Four" - including Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow, Jiang Qing - had Shanehai backgrounds,

But hardly any violence has been reported from Shanghai, despite the scores of thousands of people who have

reportedly taken to the streets. mostly students, demanding democratic reforms".

Foreign residents in Shanghai vesterday said there was

One line of speculation is that supporters of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman. have fomented the demonstrations through the student children of officials, to serve notice on less liberal Parts circles that a return to the chaotic polities of the Mao period will not be tolerated. Mr Deng has promised to retire this year, but doubts

persist about the ability of his immediate successors - Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Min-ister, and Mr Hu Yaobang. Secretary-General of the Comno hostility to foreigners and the mood of the crowds was good, although the police seemed to be becoming tense.

See Fairy Content of the Co

Observers remil that the much-vaunted "democracy wall period in Feking in 1975-79 was used by Mr Deng to min popular support for his ousling of left leaning members of the Polithuro. But the movement, which was centred on wall-posters rather than on demonstrations, was firmly suppressed when it had served

Voyager record bid

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

due to touch down in California's Mojave Desert on Christmas Eve. a day earlier than scheduled and still with

the travelled with him from suffering from exhaustion afwere repeatedly thrown agsmall compartment, have be-

come forgetful and nearly lost one of the two engines after they failed to top it up with oil. Mr Peter Riva, the Voyager spokesman, said that Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager were over the Atlantic when they

engine was not damaged."

Judging from the progress

The frail Voyager aircraft is made up to yesterday, there of 18,000 ft in search of the was little doubt that Voyager Atlantic tail winds, before was going to achieve the first reducing height. non-stop flight around the Mr Riva who talked to both world without refuelling. Ac-

> los meh. He said that despite having to use both engines to climb It was soaring easily over towards the Atlantic tail ne Atlantic yesterday, making winds. Voyager will probably good speed on favourable tail land with enough fuel left for several thousand miles beyord its 24,000-mile roundthe-world goal.

For a time the pilots had feared that they were using too much fuel, but it transpired that one tank was leaking into cross Costa Rica to the Pacific . another. The aircraft, with one engine in front and one bethe Gulf of California.

The pilots had to strap on oxygen masks and take the plane to its maximum altitude hind. took off with 1,489 gallons of fuel stored in 17 tanks in wings, stabilizer plane to its maximum altitude booms and the fuselage.

Tired pilots set for early landfall

plenty of fuel aboard. cording to data issued on "I'm ured and I want to go to Its two crew, however, Saturday, it had covered bee in California." At the suffering from exhaustion af
18,212 miles since taking off time. Voyager was cruising at

from Edwards Air Force Base last Sunday, and bad about 7,000 miles to go. the Atlantic yesterday, making winds. But, according to Mr Len Snellman, the flight meteorologist, a bad weather system will block the plane from taking a southern approach to the United States and instead it will have to

and turn north, probably up

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Activists set sights on Canada fur cull

who a few years ago killed off Fund for Animal Welfare, has Canada's seal fishing industry more than 500,000 members have now switched their attack to the country's far trapping

The House of Commons Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development produced a report which describes the activists as "a wealthy growth industry".

The report said that the fur industry and the livelihood of about 100,000 trappers, the majority of them Eskimos and Indians, are in danger of destruction.

For many native and non-

native people, trapping is an essential part of life." the report said. "Yet trapping is coming under increasing attack from the animal rights movement, which is opposed to any kind of animal use. Their strategy is to eliminate the consumer market for fur products."

More than 90 per cent of the four million wild fur pelts harvested annually in Canada by trapping, and about half the fur garments, are exported.

The committee's report preceded the final report of a royal commission on Canada's ill-fated seal industry, set ap two years ago after overseas markets for seal pelts had collapsed under the weight of a determined international lobby against the seal hunt.

The report said that trapping "has always been and should remain" an essential part of Canada's cultural and economic mosaic. As well as its \$Can 600 million (£300 millioo) in direct earnings, the iodnstry geoerates about \$Can 200 million a year for allied industries, such as

The animal rights activists organization, the International more than 500,000 members and a net annual income of more than \$Can 6 million within the United States

> In Britain, a centre of the anti-fur campaign, groups such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had moved from a traditional position of animal welfare, which allowed humane use of animals, to a very strong anti-fur pos-

> Pamphlets, films and news paper advertisements used by activist groups to solicit funds depict a frenzied and frightened animal struggling to free its mangled and bleeding foot from the jaws of a steet-toothed leghald trap but the report says such traps are no looger used.

> Sixty-five per cent of ani-mals killed for far in Canada are caught by quick-kill traps. Of the the rest, two-thirds are semi-aquatic and are taken in water, the leghold being used as a quick-kill drowning set. The rest are trapped on land by modern leghold traps, with padded or offset jaws.

> The report is sharply critical of Canada's foreign service for allegedly having failed to stand up for Canadian trappers in the face of attacks from abroad, and calls on the External Affairs Department to stiffen its spine instead of acting, in the words of one witness, like "an ostrich that would really prefer the problem to go away".

It calls on Canadian governments — wildlife is primarily n provincial responsibility in Canada — to devote more Its bitter antagonist is the attention to trapper education animal rights movement. One and better trapping methods.

WORLD SUMMARY

Shultz to meet Tambo in US

Washington - Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, is to meet Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress (ANC), next month in Washington (Christopher Thomas writes).

The encounter represents a breakthrough in international recognition of the main guerrilla force seeking in topple the white minority Government of South Africa. The Reagan Administration insists that the purpose is not to legitimize a military movement but "to facilitate a dialogue between the Government of South Africa and the legitimate voice of the

Mr Shultz has previously stated a willingness to meet Mr Tambo despite "serious questions" about ANC objectives. tactics and communist influence among its officials.

The meeting was arranged in Lusaka during three hours of talks between Mr Michael Armacost, the US undersective of State for Political Affairs and senior ANC

Pretoria tightens curbs on press, page 7

Reporter still held

Harare - The Zamhian authorities were yesterday still holding Mr John Edlin, aged 41, the Associated Press correspondent arrested on Friday while on his way to cover recent food riots in the country's Cop-per Belt (A Correspondent

writes). Friends said that the veteran New Zealand journalist, who was visited by a Zambian lawyer yesterday, looked haggard and unkempt when they took food and toiletries to him in remand prison.Lusaka has still not said why he is being held.

Iran says Tehran (Reuter) - More

than 80 civilians were killed in an Iraqi air raid on Iran's western city of Bakhtaran yesterday, the Iranian news agency Irpa reported.It said that Iran would retaliate with 24 hours of long-range artil-lery fire on Iraqi military and industrial areas.

bombers hit residential areas of the city. 50 miles from the central front of the six-year-old war, and attacked the town of Eslamabad-e Gharb, in Bakhtaran province.

Two die in Goa riot

New Delhi (Renter) - Troops were called out in Goa last night after two people were killed and 14 wounded as rival groups battled with guns and iron bars during language riots in the popular seaside resort on India's west coast. The Press Trust of India said that troops marched into the

riot-torn town of Margao as a minister's home was ransacked and sabotage blacked out Panajim, the territorial capital, which has 80,000 people.

PTI said scores of rioters had been arrested in four days of violence by thousands of demonstrators demanding statehood for Goa, with the local Konkani its official language, on the eve of the 25th anniversary of India's takeover of the tiny former Portuguese enclave...

Costly attack

Madrid - The explosion and fire which destroyed a French-owned factory purifving industrial waste near Bilbao on Friday night was the most costly blow against property so far hy Eta's military wing in the Basque country, according to insurance experts (Richard Wigg writes).

They put the damage around £10 million, and the devastated company is now threatening to withdraw its operations from the Basque

Escaper cornered

ice-killer who escaped from a clinic after a September leg operation was recaptured by a special police unit on Saturday on the North Sea island of Sylt (John England writes). Alfred Lecki, aged 48.

who was serving a life sentence for shooting a policeman in 1972, is known as Germany's "es-cape king". The Bong clinic escapade was his fourth escape from custody

Quisling quandary

Oslo - Vidkun Quisling, the Norwegian leader under Nazi occupation, was also a bigamist, according to lawyers acting for his first wife (Tony Samsing writes).

The traitor, whose name has entered the language as a term of revilement, has since 1984 been at the centre of a convoluted court case about ownership of the "Quisling archive", documents found in the cellar of an Oslo grocery. He married twice. His second wife, Maria, died in 1980, and now his first wife claims there was no divorce, and that Maria Quisling, who bequeathed all her documents to the nation, had no right to do so.

Woman

priest

Mrs Linda Poindexter, left, the wife of Vice Ad-miral John Poindexter, who resigned as President Reagan's National Sec-urity Adviser over the arms to Iran scandal, was ordained a priest at the Episcopalian church in Washington.



Zimbabwe minister demoted

Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, has announced the demotion of Dr Eddison Zvobgo, his Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, from his position within the ruling Zanu (PF) Party hierarchy. Dr Zvobgo, once thought to be among the most powerful of his lieutenants, was dismissed at the weekend by the Zanu (PF) central committee as chairman of its Masvingo Provincial Organization. He

retains his cabinet post.

Mr Mugabe said Dr Zvobgo, aged 51, had been found guilty of using "obscene" and uribalistic" language to a superior in the party.

Observers in Harare believe his demotion raises important questions about the unity of the dominant Shona language group in Zimbabwe at a time when Mr Mugabe is trying to heal long standing rift with Mr Joshuz Nkomo's Zapu sup-porters in Matabeleland.

Dr Zvobgo was at one stage the most notable politician among the traditionally powerful Karanga sub-tribe, which lives in the south-part of the country around Masvingo (formerly Fort Victoria).

A lawyer who spent 10 years in detention in Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesia. Dr Zvobgo has recently been drafting a new one-party state constitution which Mr Mugabe hopes to introduce next year.

Spaniards pray for 'El Gordo'

From Harry Debelius Madrid "The Fat One" is poised to land in Spain today with a sackful of gifts that would make Father Christmas look

like Scrooge. Spain's annual Christmas lottery, the biggest in the world, will create a number of instant millionaires pounds - and make dreams come true for countless Spaniards by distributing £389

million in cash. El Gordo - "The Fat One" - is what Spaniards affectionately call the top prize number. With an average investment of about £14 in the Christmas draw by every man. woman and child, there is hardly a Spaniard who is not boping for a yuletide visit from "The Fat One".

In Spain even the biggest winners can collect their prize in total, and without delay. Business grinds to a halt on December 22, the day of the draw, and radio and televisionbroadcast the event live.

The ceremony goes on forbours as choirboys pick wooden balls from two wire cages. Each ball in a larger cage has a number painted on it. The other cage has balls with prize amounts painted on them.

One boy sings out the number he has drawn, and immediately another sings out the amount. This process continues until all the prize balls have been removed.

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Kremlin troubleshooter moves quickly to soothe Kazakh feelings

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

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Miss Ratushinskaya, aged

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Thatcher to welcome

dissident poet today

By Nicholas Beeston

release.

weekend in the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan assessing the implications of last week's widespread rioting in Alma-Ata, the capital, and attending meetings with local

The trouble-shooting mis-sion was undertaken by Mr Mikhail Solomentsev, a member of the 12-strong ruling Politburo and chairman of the Communist Party's control committee. He was accompanied by Mr Gennady Kolbin, the Gorbachov loyalist and Russian national whose app-Russian national whose appointment as the republic's new not yet run to giving details of Party chief in place of Mr casualties caused during the

the Russian dissident poet who arrived in Britain last

week, will be welcomed of-

ficially by the Prime Minister

at Downing Street this

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's office said that Mrs

Thatcher made a point of see-

ing all freed dissidents who

came to Britain after long

He said that she would

hring up the issue of Soviet human rights violations and

the imprisonment of dis-

Germans

'helping Gadaffi'

Hamburg (AP) - West Ger-

man experts are secretly belp-ing Colonel Gadaffi to build

and test missiles in the Libyan

desert to replace obsolete

Soviet rockets, according to

and test range.

available.

test the missiles, it said.

"documents and records"

which it says are being exam-

ined by the Karlsrube Prosecutor's Office and Ger-

the investigations.

Government.

Controversy over alleged

illegal arms exports arose in

Bonn last month after allega-tions that a Hamburg ship-builder sold submarine blue-

prints to South Africa with the

tacit approval of the Federal

terms of imprisonment.

morning

A leading member of the Dinmukhamed Kunayev, the riots, there have been un-Kremlin hierarchy spent the veteran Kazakh leader, spconfirmed reports of several arked the protest. people killed in clashes be-tween demonstrators and Western observers say that the speed with which a man of Soviet militia forces.

A report by Tass from Mr Solomentsev's seniority

was despatched to the area Alma-Ata indicated that food shortages may have played a part in fuelling the battles, which began with what Soviet officials said were student was confirmation of the seriousness of the street disturbances on Wednesday and Thursday.
They noted that a similar demonstrations exploited by procedure was undertaken afnationalists and "parasites".

ter the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, when two leading Politburo members were rus-The agency said that the two senior officials had discussed "issues aimed at consolidating ties between the city and the Although the Kremlin's new countryside". It quoted them as calling for better efforts to meet food planning goals and growing demand. On television Mr Solomentsev was seen telling workers: "We must increase the harvest."

The two also visited Kazakh State University and the State Polyterbnie Institute, address-

Polytechnie Institute, addressing students and professors on the need to respect "the traditions of internat-Miss Irina Ratushinskaya, Moscow planned for this ionalism", an apparent rebuke to the nationalist tone of the

32, who was sentenced to seven years' hard labour in 1983 for anti-Soviet activities and released unexpectedly in October, was granted per-Yesterday they attended a special meeting of the republic's Council of Ministers. Reporting the session, Tass said: "Prime attention during the discussion was paid to ways of overcoming short-comings in Kazakhstan's social and economic dev-

pioned her cause, with writers elopment." During the meeting special emphasis was placed on the need to respond to public dom, especially when it was known that she had grown demands for more consumer

sidents during her visit to increasing weak. Pretoria tightens its curbs on press

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

posed on three Johannesburg newspapers at the weekend, prohibiting them from carrying any news or comment at all on the "Christmas against the Emergency" campaign in black townships.

the weekly magazine Stern.
The magazine, which will carry its report on the issue in The Government's Bureau tomorrow's edition, yesterday leaked excerpts to news for Information also placed a half-page advertisement in the Sunday Times of Johannes-It said that West German burg "to set the record straight missile and electronics parts with regard to the scope, purwere being shipped to Tripoli as "air freight" before being pose and duration of the Emergency Regulations affecting the media which were promul-gated by the State President on transported 434 miles south to a secret desert construction December 11".

The three papers subject to gineers from West German the latest special curbs are The Weekly Mail, a small-circularesearch institutes were helping the Libyans to build and tion liberal weekly, and two newspapers written mainly by and for blacks, the Sowetan, a daily, and City Press. One researcher said yes-terday that only a qualified spokesnen could comment on

The new order, served on the report; and none was the three papers on Saturday vailable.

Steri attributed its report to documents and records thich it says are being examated by the Karlsrube rosecutor's Office and Geradvertisement or any other news in connection with the

man justoms investigators.
It quoted an unidentified Christmas campaign. spokesman for the prose-A UDF advertisement callcutor's office as saying that the ing for support for the Christauthorities had undertaken mas protest, which had earlier been carried by the three two investigations "owing to suspicion of illegal war weap-ons exports and violations of papers now prevented from doing so, was yesterday pub-lished by The Sunday Star, the foreign trade laws."

Seen said that the spokesman declined to elaborate on Sunday edition of Johanne-

sburg's daily evening paper,
The Star.

It remains to be seen whether the police will now restrict The Star, which has a circulation of more than

200,000, a large proportion of which is among black readers, and which devotes consid- places.

The conservative-led co-alition of Chancellor Kohl has Johannesburg - The South denied having approved the hluepant export. But, under opposition pressure, a parliamentary commission will meet next month to study the allegations. allegations.

Stern said that Colonel Gadaffis missile construction range was located in the Sahara near the Ghat oasis, It oasis, f Libya, Just over a week ago South African forces abducted two Swiss nationals from Swaziland, claiming that they were where the borders of Libya, Niger and Chad converge. It described the area as 'Gadaffi's headquarters". The new missiles were in-tended to have a 300-mile range and to allow the Libyans to place in reserve older Soviet



teenage son. Mr Nyoni was released the same day. Another man and a woma were also seized and are still missing. Pretoria so far has

New restrictions were im- erable space to black affairs. As part of the 10-day Christ-mas protest, which began on December 16, residents of

black townships were asked to turn off their electric lights and light candles between 7 m and 9 m on December 16 and again on December 24, and to sing the black national anthem, "Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika" (God Bless Africa).

The protest was widely observed in Soweto on De-cember 16, but both the Sowetan and City Press reported clashes between conservative blanket-clad Basuto vigilantes, known as the "comrades", who patrolled the townships, enforcing the

switching-off of lights. City Press reported at the weekend that the death toll in these clashes had risen to seven. Other sources said the violence had been fuelled by confusion among residents as to whether candles were to be lit only on December 16 and

24 or throughout the 10-day period. Under the new censorship in force since December 11, the South African press is prohibited from publishing

any news or comment on a wide range of unrest-related matters, and from reporting a catalogue of statements defined as "subversive".

Body found: The Bureau reported that the body of a man who had been burnt to

death, was found in KwaNobuhle, near Port Elizabeth, on Saturday, and that 22 people were arrested and two injured when the police used birdshot to disperse mobs stoning houses and vehicles in other

Botha for Swazi talks

in Mhahane, the Swazi cap-ital, today in an attempt to reduce the tension created by armed raids into Swaziland (Michael Horasby writes). agents of the outlawed African National Congress, only to release them a day later after it became clear that they had seized the wrong people. They also abducted Mr Danger



Nyoni, an assistant restaurant offered no apology or explanation for the raids.

Mr Robinson has estabomy portfolio, but has named held the same post in the lished committees to assess two ministers to work with 1976-81 PNM Government, the state of the economy and Trinidad and Tobago. Mr Ar- him: Mr Selby Wilson, an when he made his name by to ensure a smooth transfer of power. Police guarded ministries at the weekend to prevent the removal of files and documents and Mr Robinson was studying a secret report on drug trafficking, which the outgoing Gov-

promised to release.

The NAR won almost 66 per cent of the vote, while the Other new ministers are Dr 52.6 in 1981 to less than 32 per



Riot police and leftist militants clashing in one of several pitched battles that broke

out in Hamburg during a weekend demonstration over housing policy.

The violence, which left 93 police and 31 protesters injured, started as about 10,000 young demonstrators, watched by 2,900 police, marched through central

Mitterrand

snubbed as

Bill passed

From Sosan MacDonald

Paris

President Mitterrand's re-

fusal on Thursday to sign the

French Government's decree

providing for more flexible

working conditions has so angered the right-wing major-ity that the Government took

the unprecedented move of

forcing it through Parliament

before it rose on Saturday for

In a matter of 24 hours the

Government turned the dec-

ree, the equivalent of a full-

scale parliamentary Bill, into

an amendment and tacked it

on to the end of another Bill

on social conditions which

was coming up for its secood

Furious at what they consi-

dered to be a mockery, the so-cialists tried every trick they.

knew to delay the last parlia-

mentary session so that the

But the Government, in a

forced the Bill through and

The discovery by the Freuch

intelligence services of an

arms cache - the third in three

months - on the outskirts of

Paris on Thursday has led to

the arrest of six people, it was announced at the weekend (Susan MacDonald writes

from Paris). Those held are

understood to come from the Near and Middle East. •

gave it its final Senate reading

as well, enabling it to become

The socialists immediately sent the Bill to France's Cons

titutional Council, which will

judge whether these forcing

If it gives the Bill and its

amendment the green light it

will become law; if not the

amendment will probably be presented as a Bill during the spring parliamentary session.

M Mitterrand's refusal to

sign the decree, his third since

the right came to power in March, had the backing of

trade unions, who saw workers' rights and their own

power diminished under the

It allowed for flexible work

ing hours, including night work for women, so that a

basic number of hours could

be calculated over a period of

different shifts. It also allow ed, in certain cases, for direct

worker negotiation with

M Mitterrand said that it

upset the social status quo and

that such proposals should go

through Parliament. The Gov-

ernment replied that it was a foundation of their policy of

creating more jobs by creating

more flexible conditions and

that the President was block-

ing their ability to govern.
This revenge on President
Mitterrand can also be seen as

a Government morale-boost-

ing operation in the face of student agitation and strikes.

proposed decree.

management.

tactics are permissible.

Bill and its amendment would

not become law.

the Christmas recess.

Hamburg to protest against the eviction of tenants from old public housing due to be the main body of demonstrators after pulled down next year as part of a road-bank windows were smashed and firebuilding project (AP reports).

About 1,000 extremists wearing masks and helmets and carrying crude weapons like clubs, fought with truncheon-carrying police. The disturbances started when a truncheon police were detained for assault and disturbing the peace, but all but one were released by yesterday pending court appearances, Flamburg police said.

Unions boost conflict with Paris Government

Alpine holidaymakers hit by nationwide transport strikes

Minister, that greater social unrest would develop if he gave way to students' demands, appear well founded. France is in the grip of a

wave of transport strikes which are seriously disrupting the well-laid plans of Christmas holidaymakers. Most seriously hit are the trains. Localized strikes which began on Thursday have be-

come nationwide as the Com-munist-backed CGT union has joined the Socialist CFDT union in calling out its men.
Add to that a strike by seamen and a two-day air strike by Air Inter personnel,

all of which coincide with the end of the French school term, and a picture of confusion and frustration emerges with hol-idaymakers waiting around stations and dozing in corners.

SNCF, the state-owned railways, brought in a minimum service plan over the weekend an Italian ferry company to to ensure that most of the run between Corsica, Marprestigious high-speed TGV

The fears of M Jacques trains got away from Paris to Chirac, the French Prime ski resorts in the Alps.

However, striking railway workers at Chambery, Savoy, managed to block several trains in the station. It took about an hour before some 1,000 passengers could be transferred to coaches to continue their journey.
Passengers hurled verbal

abuse at the strikers as the transfer took place, and police reinforcements were called in. The link between the Channel ports and Paris was en-

sured by coaches carrying passengers who would normally have travelled by train. Paris suhurban trains were badly hit, with only about a quarter of the trains running. Today will be even worse, as Mêtro workers are due to start a three-day strike.

Ferry services between Corsica and the mainland have been severely hit, and the Government has authorized seilles and Nice.

Corsican families working on the mainland who are trying to get home for Christmas have been stranded and Corsica's important mandarin crop, which has been picked to reach the mainland for Christmas, is in danger of rotting before it can reach the shops. Many of those heading for

the ski resorts changed their plans in the face of the train strike and decided to go by In two areas roads were also blocked on Saturday by hundreds of demonstrators pro-

testing against the closure of a Pêchiney factory in one instance and traffic jams on local Alps roads in the other.

The fact that the railway workers have chosen the Christmas period to go on strike themeters to make them.

strike threatens to make them uppopular. They say they want immediate negotiations with

first date for negotiations.

Prisoners continue strike for freedom

Dhaka - Riot police ringed Bangladesh's central prison in old Dhaka yesterday as about 3,500 prisoners continued their week-long hunger strike to press for freedom under an amnesty announced last week by President Ershad (Ahmed

Fazi writes). A prison official said that the prisoners were refusing to take food unless their demand for inclusion in the amnesty list was accepted.

The strikers, who include several hundred political prisoners and former indepen-dence fighters, are also asking for better living conditions in the crowded jail.

12 blasts

Ajaccio (Reuter) - Twelve small bombs exploded in Corsica on Saturday night, damaging property connected with the French mainland hut causing no casualties.

Gang assault New York (Reuter) - New

York police are hunting for a gang of about 12 whites who issaulted three blacks, one of whom died when he was struck by a car when fleeing.

Safe haven

San José (Reuter) - A Costa Rican judge has turned down a Soviet request to extradite Mr Bobdan Koziy, aged 62, a former Ukrainian policeman charged with Nazi war crimes, saying that they were, no longer punishable because of the long period since they occurred.

Weather wins

Basic (Reuter) - Two Swiss members of the environmental organization Greenpeace broke off their protest on top of a 395 ft chemical plant chimney when high winds, freezing temperatures and more snow were forecast.

Wrong man

Nairobi (AP) - A teenager mistook his father for a thief and slashed him to death with a machete at the door of their. home, the Daily Nation news paper reported.

No dough

Tel Aviv (Renter) - Some Israeli bakeries are refusing to make sufganiot — traditional jam-filled, deep-fried dough-nuts — for the Jewish SNCF management on sal-aries and working hoors. The SNCF has set January 6 as the Government has fixed maximum prices they can charge.

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FULL POSTAL ADDRESS -

Defeated Trinidad opposition leader resigns tains the Finance and Econ- is Mr Selwyn Richardson, who

From Jeremy Taylor Port of Spain

Scud and Frog rockets.

missik project began.

Sterz did not say when the

The new Prime Minister of no fewer than four ministers to work on the reconstruction of the islands' economy.

As he worked to install a 14member Cabinet at the weekend his predecessor, Mr George Chambers, resigned as leader of the defeated People's Reconstruction. National Movement (PNM), which had been in power for 30 years. In last week sgeneral election Mr Robinson's National Alliance for Reconstruction won a majority of 33 seats to three in the House of Representatives. Decline in economic terms and growing unemployment were major

Mr Robinson himself re-

thur Robinson, bas assigned accountant who was once campaigning against corrupgeneral manager of the tele-non. phone company, and Mr Trev-or Sudama, an economist. He also named Mr Winston Dookeran, a university lecturer in economics, as Minister of Planning and

The crucial energy sector. which supplies most of the national revenue, now has a professional petroleum engineer, Mr Kelvin Ramnath. as its minister. Mr Basdeo

Pandy, aged 53, one of two deputy NAR leaders and a veteran union leader who was Johnson (Youth, Culture and 1981 share, and the People's Cre-ative Arts). Ministers for Popular Movement, standing for the first time in 14 seats. is External Affairs Minister. The new Attorney-General urity are to be named today. won 0.14 per cent.

Mr John Humphrey, an architect who developed a successful land distribution scheme supported by the NAR, is named Minister of Works, Settlement and Infrastructure, and Mr Lincoln Myers becomes Minister of Food Production, Marine

Exploitation and Forestry. Emmanuel Hosein (Health, cent. The left-wing National Welfare and the Status of Joint Action Committee won Education and National Sec- for the first time in 14 seats.

ernment had refused to publish but which the NAR has

money with a sense of sheer abandon, will have to shed some of that ootoriety. The 41st session of the General Assembly, which rose at the weekend, has approved reforms which give major donors a mastery over the budgetary process.

The package was the result of a campaign by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Unioo - three of the main benefactors - who formed an unusual alliance to stem expenditures, which, on paper, have led to the regular UN budget more than doubling over the past 10 years to \$840 million (about £560 millioo) for 1986.

Diplomats predict that the UN is entering a new era now that control over spending has finally been wrested from the Third World majority. More than 70 member natioos pay less than 2 per cent of the entire budget

General Vernon Walters. the US Ambassador, saw the victory as a great day for the United States and a great day for mankind". But, on the other hand, to Zimbahwe's Mr Isack Mudenge, the reform package cootained "the potential for subverting the democratic principals governing the

In essence the Third World majority was forced to hand over power after Washington. which under the UN Charter is obliged to pay a quarter of the organization's expenses, withheld more than half of its \$210 million contribution and forced the UN to live from hand 10 mouth. Although the need for austerity was cited, the US cuts were clearly a hacklash to the anti-Americanism that has seemingly formed the lifeblood of the UN for more than two

The size, redundancies and ennui that permeated the UN bureaucracy had become legendary. Its political organs, including the Security Council and the General Assembly. had provided the secretariat with a plethora of world problems to settle.

But while solutions were rarely forthcoming, contin- activists for having come close gency plans were kept and lowhitewashing. In the case of reports filed to somehow jus- Iran, the report deall almost than they really were.

armonred cars vesterday con-

trolled the streets of Tripoli

after a two-day battle with Sunni Muslim fundamental-

and more than 60 hurt in the

northern Lebanon coastal city.

Fighting stopped after the Syrian Army eliminated resis-

tance by the pro-Palestinian

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The battles are a brief but

violent extension of the latest

round of the "war of the

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las and the Shia Muslim Amal

militia both in southern Leba-

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ists which left 30 people dead. Lebanese soil.

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The United Nations, which tify the existence of many new exclusively with attempts to has a reputation for spending programmes while the watch and the wait for peace continued.

Under the new rules the UN will aim to reduce its 14.000 staff by 15 per cent, and cut back oo meetings, travel and documentation - which is enough to paper a path to the moon every year. For the first time there will be a predetermined budget ceiling and the 21-member committee for programme and co-ordination, in which the largest donors will flex their muscle, will have the power to approve the size and priorities of

each budget After the resolution was adopted General Walters said that it would strenghten

'Major success' for US policies Mr Alan Keyes, the US ass-

istant Secretary of State, said that the 13-week assembly session had been n "major success" for the policies of the Reagan Administration (Reuter reports from New York). Although many had insisted that the United States would not succeed in creating an environment for change in the world body, "one sees a steady progress towards the goals that we had defined as oecessary for the improvement of the United Nations," he said.

greatly his hand to lobby Congress to restore funds to the UN.

But diplomats here believe that one of the imponderables is the mood of the US Congress and whether the carefully crafted formula for reform will satisfy its hardliners. If Congress does not respond favourably, the entire reform edifice could

Among other issues that dominated the 41st session was mounting concern that many of the special rapporteurs appointed by the Human Rights Commission to monitor compliance with ioternational standards had failed to assemble information fairly and even-handedly.

Their reports on Chile and Iran were criticized widely by diplomats and human rights

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

PLO and its allies have re-

gained enough strength to defy

The "Tawheed" is a pro-

Iranian Sunni Muslim militia

traditionally loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the

PLO. It inherited much of the

military hardware left behind

by the guerrillas when they

were expelled from northern

Lebann hy pro-Syrian Palestinian factions in 1983.

Last year the group was nearly destroyed by the Syrian

Army, which maintains about 25,000 troops in northern and

the Syrians and to drag them of the Shia Muslim Amal into open confrontation on militia shelled the ruins of the

persuade Tehran to allow in an inspection team.

In the past the reports have been viewed as the definitive assessment of the human rights situation in a given country, with advocates saying that they have saved lives. But it is noted widely that the rapporteurs have begun to bend over backwards not to offend governments and are belittling claims presented by opposition parties.

The Soviet Union was the target of a double-pronged censure at the weekend. It was atrocities in Afghanistan, and its much-heralded withdrawal 8,000 troops from the territory io October was dismissed as a hollow propaganda gesture.

France, which had managed to avoid criticism, was told to bring the South Pacific territory of New Caledonia under UN oversight.

An unsuccesful Arab challenge to Israel's credentials in the assembly revealed the potential for further Israeli diplomatic inroads into Africa and signalled, all but formally. the end of the traditional Arab-African alliance which once radicalized the UN. At the same time, the

Palestine Liberation Organ-ization regained some of its political relevance in the debates on the Middle East as the Palestinians began to adopt a more united front in

Britain suffered its most severe diplomatic defeat over the Falkland Islands as 116 countries voted for Anglo-Argentine negotiations on sovereignty.

Britain, as President of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community, had the task of delivering statements on behalf of the Twelve on issues ranging from information to Israeli policy on the West Bank.

The UN view was that bundreds of hours were spent by EEC representatives drafting speeches which because of its lowest common denominator approach were decidedly innocuous; but that Britain's talent for spell-binding delivery made the statements sound more important

small Palestinian refugee

camp of Chatilla and the Bourj

el-Barajneh camp in a relent-less effort to dislodge Palestin-

The battles came as Iranian

negotiators struggled in vain to

stop the fighting, which has claimed about 700 lives since

November 24. The attempts

were on the hrink of collapse

after Libya, which is also

involved in peace talks in Damascus, sided openly with the Palestinians.

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Syria troops take control in Tripoli Saturday. Syrian troops in tanks and They are also a sign that the eastern Lebanon under a 1976 | Saturday's resignation were ate of the Arab Leagu In Beirut, meanwhile, tanks

Karachi, the Opposition described it as a cosmetic change Several Opposition leaders,

including Miss Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party, said that the political situation demanded the immediate resignation of General Zia as President and the chief of the Army, and of the Sind Government, under which Karachi's worst ethnic riots have claimed an es-

timated 160 lives to date. There is speculation that Mr Junejo will form a new Cabi-



The steeple of the former St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo, New York state, crashing to the ground as fire guts the 137-year-old church, which was closed in 1981 and has since been sold. No serious injuries were reported.

Pakistan Cabinet resignation scorned

has scorned the weekend resignation of the Cabioet of the Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, in the wake of a week of disturbances in Karachi to enable him to form a new Gov-ernment to deal with the situation.

Mr Junejo, the country's first civilian Prime Minister after more than eight years of martial law, obtained the resignations of the members of his Government - some 40 Ministers, Ministers of State and advisers - at a Cabinet meeting in Rawalpindi on

Although an official press statement emphasized that

The Pakistani Opposition net in the next day or two and will then deal with the question of the Sind Government. which apparently has failed 10 solve the disputes between the Pathans and the immigrants from India liviog in Karachi and other parts of Sind.

This is the second Cabinet reshufile since he was nominated as Prime Minister by Geoeral Zia ui-Haq. Pakistan's military ruler, in March 1985. The first, in January. followed the lifting of martial law on December 31, 1985.

Government party sources said that his latest action was intended to rid the Pakistan Muslim League Government and parliamentary party of corrupt or disloyal elements.

But many in the Opposition believe thatil demonstrates his party's inherent weakness in face of the crisis. Meanwhile, according to

reports from Peshawar, an airfield under construction at Parachinar, close to the border with Afghanistan, was damaged during a rocket attack on Friday night. Officials did not identify

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those responsible. The attack followed tribal agitation against the construction of a link road leading to the Pakistao-Afghaoistao border which may be being built for defence purposes.

EEC under Tindemans

Belgian presidency to make foreign policy its priority

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mans is putting great store on

Mr Tindemans: Confident

of weathering budget crisis

Delors package", saving that

EEC leaders should oot have

been surprised by the French-

man's warnings of crisis at the

M Delors is not due to

report to EEC foreign min-

isters until February, so "two

months will be lost". Mr

The Belgian presideocy

plans to convene a special

EEC summit in March, al-

though Mr Tindemans, mind-

avoiding controversial issues

that "bilateral contacts" be-

tween EEC leaders may serve

Tindemans said.

the purpose.

London summit this mooth.

On the eve of the EEC's excessive farm spending, and thirtieth anniversary. Mr Len Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, is poised to build on the British presidency by launching a series of European foreign-policy initiatives and consolidating moves towards European integration.

Belgium wants Europe to play a "calming diplomatic role" in both the Middle East and Central America in the wake of the scandals surrounding American policies 00 Iran and Nicaragua

Mr Tindemans takes over from Sir Geoffrey Howe as President of the EFC Council than a week. He is an-dismayed that the March made by M Jacques Delors, of Ministers in a little more anniversary of the Treaty of the Commission President. He Rome will coincide with refers repeatedly to strains in the Community, including an "unbelievably difficult" budget crisis.

"There are now Twelve where there were Six, and what we are going through does not compare to the founding fathers' great labour of creating a masterpiece from scratch," he said.

The fire-lit room in the government châteao where he receives his guests was the venue for the negotiation of the Treaty in 1956-1957. A plaque on the wall commemorates the fact in several European langrages. "I am only sorry it is not in English, too." he says wryly. "I was brought up on British diplomatic history and Britain's role in Europe".

Belgium, like other small EEC mations, is deeply com mitted to the European ideal precisely because - unlike Britain or France - it oo longer has a wider world role of its own. It welcomes, nevertheless, what it sees as a more committed British attitude to the Community.

Under British leadership, a start has been made on reforming the common agricultural policy, which in turn will make it easier to restructure EEC finances 25 2 whole. Similarly, Britain has paved the way for EEC policies on cheaper sir fares and the completion of the internal market, and has presided over co-ordinated foreign policy

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Other Belgian priorities 18clode research and technology funding, environmental pre-Despite the apprecedented tection, the battle against Ais farm reforms in dairy and beef and the internal market. The production, Mr Tindemans Single European Act, which fears that EEC funds for social provides for more majority and regional spending will run voting in the Council of Maisters, comes into force under the Belgian presidency. new decision-making procethe Twelve by antagonizing dures in the council will lave

tn be worked out. But near the top of the priority list is foreign policy. Mr Tindemans, who was Belgiao Prime Minister in the 70s, is preoccupied with foreign policy and has a vison of continuity in European diplomacy from the Congress of Vienna to the present day. Loder the British presidency the most prominent fareign issues were South Africa and international terrorism.

Although conscious of the enormous difficulty of coordinating 12 national positions, be aims to make the EEC a world force in several key areas: namely, relations with Russia and Chies: the "stupid" trade tensions with Washington; and, above ail, the two world trouble spots of the Middle East and Central

to the Middle East, be argues, there could soon be "an explosion", not only because of the Israeli-Palestinian issue but also because of the Iran-Iraq war. The last EEC initiative on the Middle East was the Venice Dedaration of 1980, which callet for the inclusion of the Palettine Liberation Organization is the peace process.

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Mr Tindemans passionately believes that Europe should again play a diplomatic role in 1987. As a start, he proposes to hold a foreign ministers' meeting to elaborate "a clear idea of EEC policy" on the Middle East next mouth. The moderate Arab states,

be says, were "deeply shocked" by the revelations about ful of Mrs Thatcher's skill of Washington's arms deals with at the London summit, argues Iran, and Arah amiassadors in Brussels have arged him to launch a new EEC initiative to give Europe a role tn'counter-He does not want the Bel- act that of the US. Mr Tindemans believes that

This is reflected on the list of EEC priorities Mr Tinderow over increasing national mans sketches out for the coming year. Top of the list is to go up from 1.4 per cent to process.

Mr Tindemans believes that Europe also has a role to play in Central America by suptromagnetic process.

US advice calms border tensions

From Mario Modiano, Athens

to be heeding American ad- when a Turkish palrolman site of the incident was agreed weekend border incident in which a Greek and two Turkisb soldiers were killed and another Greek soldier was wounded.

On both sides of the marshy delta of the River Evros marking the Greek-Turkish the alert yesterday, but the killing "in cold hlood" of a situation was calm. Neither soldier. country seems inclined to

escalate the tension. The Greeks claim that the

Greece and Turkey appear dead as he put down his rifle follow-up meeting today at the offered to swap Greek cigarettes. Mr Yannis Kapsis, the

Greek Foreign Under-Secretary, said that he had called in the Turkish Ambassador on Saturday to renew Greece's vigorous protest against the violation of Greek territory by frontier outposts were still on the Turkish patrol and the

Mr Kapsis said that the joint Greek-Turkish border tries have multiplied. commission, which mel to survivor of the three-man investigate the circumstances

border patrol involved in the skirmish on Friday said that his fellow patrolman was shot A Turkish proposal for a A Turkish proposal for a lomatic dialogue.

by the Greeks, on condition that Turkey first extend apologies for the violations and pay compensation to the families of the Greek victims. The US diplomatic inter-

vention in urging restraint to both sides indicated that Friday's episode was taken more seriously in Washington than had been assumed. One reason is that the points of friction between the two coun-

The US and Britain are expected to redouble their efforts to eocourage the two

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And so, six weeks after enter-ing hospital, Michael Gambon walked down the corridor with Janet Suzman as Vera Lynn sang "We'll meet again". The Singing Detective (BBC1) was over and with it, as I am not afraid to say again, the best thing I have ever watched on television.

TELEVISION

Not that it was a completely smooth ride. After thinking by the end of the second programme that Dennis Potter was Proust (to peddle a phrase from A.N. Wilson), there was a patch when he was just very good, when the parts became more interesting than the whole, when the flashbacks began to itch. Last night, however, like an Escher drawing. Potter's masterpiece joi-ned the whole boiling lot together into something mar-

It was the programme when Gambon, the invalid, started singing for the first time, and his father (Jim Carter) reacted at last to his mother's suicide by changing his inexpressibly sad face into a scream. It was a programme full of all sorts of pain - pain that could only be endured by dissolving into childhood songs or a corny detective story (in fact the detectives became over-tiresome at the end).

From the well of this selfconscious kitsch, Potter succeeded in drawing a character glistening with life; and in showing, with sometimes breathless effect, that we have only started scratching the surface of what it is possible to do with this medium.

Others most be singled out for praise, though: Jonathan Powell, head of BBC drama. for backing it; Michelle Guish for casting it; Bill Wright for his editing; Jon Amiel for his directing; Kenith Trodd and John Harris for their production - and, of course, Joanne Whalley for her eyes. As for Gambon, he deserves every prize going.

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birth of punk, and the suffocating lack of variety it came to impose, David Sinclair looks back over a year of rock that has thrown off the shackles

and indulged in a glorious diversification'

Generation X, with Billy Idol (second from left), one of the piggest stars thrown up by the punk movement, and Tony James (third left), who has also turned into something of a parody of the movement's original ideals

he year 1986, we were often reminded, was the tenth anniversary of the birth of punk. As commentators grabbed for their rose-tinted spectacles and reminisced about the tremendous undercurrent of energy and excitement that built throughout 1976 and came to such rude fruition by the time of the Sex Pistols' "God Save the Queen" and the Jubilee celebrations in 1977, it seemed to strike most people that, in comparison, 1986 was a year with a dismal lack of distinction, a period of aimless entreochment that saw the big acts getting bigger, unchallenged by any new emergent movement or groundswell of original talent.

The 1986 charts were dominated, so the argument ran, either by stadium acts like Queen, Dire Straits, Genesis, Simple Minds and Eurythmics or glossy pop careerists like Whitney Houston, Wham!, A-ha and Madonna, who between them were no less of a hegemonic alliance of dinosaur rock and vacuous pop than that which had prompted the upsurge of punk in 1976. Even old codgers like Peter Gabriel, Robert Palmer and Steve Winwood scored convincing hits with little difficulty.

The independent scene revealed no less a degree of atrophy as the ICA's week-long showcase of Indie bands in July demonstrated: a succession of acts like the Shop Assistants, the Soup Dragons, Bogshed and the Mighty Lemon Drops all played jangly guitars with varying degrees of ineptitude, and tried their best to conform to the new orthodoxy as established by the Jesus and Mary Chain and the Smiths. No threat to Shakespeare anyone there.



It is true to say that, for all the fervour that greeted the iconoclastic phenomenon of punk, much of it the product of the over-excited imaginations of media people, even a cursory glance at the recent activities of the main participants confirms that, ten years on, the legacy of that period must be considered a disappointment. Excluding the Police, who never cut much ice io the punk credibility stakes anyway, the biggest star thrown up by the movement turned out to be, of all people, Billy Idol, a punk equivalent of Shakin' Stevens, who has sold five million albums and three million singles since 1981. His October release Whiplash Smile was a pleasing but predictable mélange of tarted up rock n' roll. Tooy James, with whom Idol formed Generation X in 1976, has likewise turned into something of a parody of the movement's original deals, but his antics with Sigue Sigue Sputnik made him one of the most talked about figures in 1986, far more remarkable than John Lydon (né

came out in February, sounded like a collection of Led Zeppelin riffs. Siouxsie and the Banshees spent the year touring abroad, Paul Weller continued to churn out the most banal ersatz-soul with the Style Council in between his electioneering efforts with Red Wedge, and Bob Geldof, at the age of 34, published his memoirs, which were considerably more entertaining than his album Deep in the Heart of Nowhere. How the Damned have managed to stay ten years in the business without learning to play remains a mystery, but if they had applied themselves to mastering the techniques involved would they have turned oot the kind

Rotten) whose album Album, which

of sonorous easy-listening pop al-burns like Dreamtime that the Stranglers oow delight in producing?

Of the class of '76 only Elvis Costello and Mick Jones with Big Audio Dynamite had any ongoing artistic relevance in 1986. Costello released two well-received albums King of America and Blood and Chocolate, while BAD with Ioe Strummer assisting with the writing and production unleashed No 10 Upping Street, a gloriously imaginative combination of post-punk rock and hip-hop. Despite the critical accolades, none of these three albums reached the top ten.

ut was 1976-77 really a golden era in the history of rock and 1986 a year of fallow underschievement? While I enjoyed as much as the next person scurrying off to see all those daft bands like the Vibrators, 999, the Adverts, the Buzzcocks, Wire, X-Ray Spex, the Lurkers, the Slits and the Rezillos, together with such heavyweights as the Jam, the Clash, the Ramones, the Damned and the Pistols, all blasting out their rancous unnutored rock 'o' roll with such amphetamined abandon, the attention that the movement attracted was such as to impose a stifling conformity on the music

Dire Straits were perhaps the only group at this time to build from a grass-roots following to a position of significant success without paying lip-service to the tenets of punk. But acts who turned out as differently as Squeeze, the Police, Tom Robinson, XTC and Ultravox, to name a few, all felt the need to hitch flags of convenience to the punk bandwagon

in order to get an even break. How laughable that this movement which preached the virtues of individual expression should have been so intolerant of any deviation from its own narrowly defined oorms. Who knows what talent went unexposed because of its initial lack of "punk credibility"?

Whatever the virtues of punk it imposed a suffocating lack of variety that was the complete reverse of the situation in 1986. But with rock now so lacking in a dominant theme or trend there has been a glorious diversification that really does leave artists free to pursue their own line and enables us, the consumers, to enjoy an unprecedented range of choice. We have seen hits from acts as diverse as the Smiths, Europe, Suzanne Vega, Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Fuzzbox, Simply Red, Run DMC, the Housemartins, Bon Jovi and the Jesus and Mary Chain, and that is just in the top 30 alone.

There have been popular renais-sances in country (Dwight Yoakham), jazz (Courtney Pine), blues (Robert Cray), funk (Troublefunk/ Cameo), Reggae (the "Ragamuffin" style) and soul together with visits from African bands, Cuban bands, all sorts of American roots rockers and upsurges of house music and hip-hop. Of them all hip-hop is the closest that 1986 has offered to the punk of 1976, but the diversity of what now passes for "rock" music is such that neither hip-hop, nor any other musical movement, will ever again achieve such a position of primacy in the scheme of things. The punk era was a great time for those of us who revelled in punk rock, but 1986 was a much better year for anyone who likes

OPERA

Osud/The Diary of Oue Who Disappeared Coliseum

For this revival of Janacek's Osud English National Opera has found it an almost ideal companioo: the same composer's masterly song-cycle The Diary of One who Disappeared, staged for the first time in Britain (the idea is 60 years old on the Continent). Both works are concerned with Art's relationship to Life, and Life's relationship to Fate. Osud's central figure is the composer Zivoy, obsessed with the tragic-opera potential of his own life-story which, not surprisingly, soon fulfils his every fatalistic expecta-tion. In *The Diary* the poet (hence also the composer) identifies with a peasant boy infatuated with, and seduced by, a gypsy girl. During the work's creation Janácek was himself similarly infatuated.

One possibly fortuitous circumstance of David Pountocy's Osud staging also unifies this double bill. That is the grand piano — which Pountney places at the centre of a revolving stage in Osud - on which Zivny knocks up his magnum opus. For in The Diary the piano is again centre-stage, this time played (with a superb sense of idiom and drama) by a real pianist, Paul Crossley. That is surely right: the singers may narrate and act out the story, but the piano provides the crucial emotional subtext.

At the actual moment of seduction, for instance, where the poet lapses discreetly into a series of dashes, Janacek supplies a piano interlude of unambiguous erotic force. Pountney reinforces the instrument's centrality here by placing Zefka, the gypsy-girl, on a carpet of leaves under the Steinway itself, where she carries out her memorable promise to show Janek how "gypsies sleep at night". The productioo contains many such images, simply but strikingly conceived on an almost bare stage, often closely aligned to the poetry's own potent symbolism, and intelligently lit by Matthew Rich-

Jean Rigby's Zefka perhaps looks too clean and wbolesome, but she moves sensuously and her voice has a full



Philip Langridge: a considered performance

richness which properly takes on a more gutteral edge when she describes ber racial humiliation. However, The Diary is priocipally oot about a gypsy's sexuality, but about her infatuated lover's gradual, paioful (but ultimately proud) realization that, in giving ber a child, he must cut all links with village and family, and become one of those he once despised. Arthur Davies's performance struck the right balance here: rough and unthinking early on - cracking a whip over his ploughing oxen to show how to "break in a gypsy" - hut then increasingly tender in gesture and

(more occasionally) voice.

Osud has some marvellous music, conducted with considerable devotioo and passioo bere by Mark Elder, yet it remains basically unsatisfying even in this indefatigably ingenious Pountney production. The inane deaths in Act II are part of the problem; so is the character of Zivny, who postures artistically and shirks real moral responsibility for two acts, yet (presumably) is supposed to gain the audi-ence's sympathy in his final bathetic monologue.

Still, there are magnificent, deeply considered performances from Philip Langridge and Filene Hannan in the central roles; much well-drilled ensemble work around them; and (most noticeable of all, perhaps) the visual thrills of Stefanos Lazaridis's polythene merry-go-round of a set, emphasizing to stunning effect how brilliantly Janacek juxta-poses his forces in Act 1.

Richard Morrison

A legend still lingering

music-making, the gala reopening concert at Carnegie Hall, shut down since May 18 for renovation, raised more questions than it answered. Visually, the auditorium is newly warm and resplendent, its gold decorations cleaned mysterious when, immediately thereafter, Horowitz and polished, its dominant stark white having given way to much off-white, cream and tan. Removal of the teaser curtaio and panels above the stage - whose function was cosmetic, to hide holes in the acoustical shell, now repaired - makes the stage seem much more imposing, larger in rela-tion to the half itself. But, of course, far more important than any of the trappings is the preservation of the hall's fasung here in an understated bled acoustics. And here the manner by Kurt Ollmann). opening coocert proved in-

It all began festively with the "Star-Spangled Banner" played by the New York Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta, the singing led from

the stage by several celebrities, James R. Oestreich cent serious surgery) were all incloding New York's Mayor Edward Koch and Wanda Toscanini Horowitz. The latter's presence was made less opening of the 'new'

Carnegie Hall himself made a surprise appearance, playing Chopin's C sharp minor Waltz, Op 64 No 2, and A flat Polonaise, Op 53. Also unannounced but less surprising was Leonard Bernof the hall was commemo-rated earlier in the day with the unveiling of a permanent plaque near the front doors) in "Erbarne dich" from Bach's stein's appearance, conducting the Philharmonic in his Opening Prayer, composed for the occasioo (a slight, sombre work of seven minutes' duration, with a brief Hebrew text

Then Mehta returned to the rostrum, and events followed the written programme: Yo-Yo Ma in the finale of Hayda's C major Cello Concerto; Marilyn Home and reports from New York on the gala

Isaac Stern (whose role in the preservation and restoration

St Matthew Passion; the Meistersinger Prelude; and— after a series of songs by Frank Sinatra and the Peter Duchin Orchestra - the finale of Mahler's "Resurrectioo" Symphony, with Benita Val-ente, Horne and the New York Choral Artists.

Horowitz, Stern and Sinatra (just turned 71, and in his first major apperance following re-

some black suspenders. Set in

the first part of each scene to keep ahead of his pursuers,

somewhere else where, ten minutes after he has reached

decorated with flowers, that a

left dangling on a bush. She demands an instant replace-

ment, which could hardly be

Off be goes in search of

husband's apartment (which

the wedding guests mistake for

a boneymoon hotel), until order is restored, delightfully

and unexpectedly back out-

inal, however exaggerated, are

firmly rooted in realism and

likelihood. Replacing them

with the products of a joke-

book, with marriage registrars who confuse the wedding service and a funeral, with cameras that quaintly fail to

take photographs, with jokes about mothers-in-law - "She's

so mean! Have yon ever seen

anyone carving a sprout?" -

putting in this stale stuff is a

grotesque error of judgement that not only wrecks the

The characters of the orig-

side the hero's apartment.

any momeot

it, they are oo to him again.

in representative current (i.e. somewhat frayed) form. But, given the evening's cele-bratory nature, one was more than willing to hark back to memories of better days.

What was not so easily dismissed, however, was the sound of the Philharmonic. These players regularly ex-press resentment at being compared to the many great orchestras that visit the city, often at the top of their form, especially when those visitors play in Carnegie, whose acous-tics have always been immeasurably more seductive than those of Avery Fisher (aka Philharmonic) Hall. But in this return to its erstwhile home the Philharmonic seemed to carry the cold, hard acoustics of its current abode with it like a cloud. The Mahler betrayed a brute shrill-

simply does not recall from the "old" Carnegie, and the lower strings lacked solidity and power. But then Mehia's crude assault on this glorious movement (in, thankfully, one of his last appearances before taking a year-long sabbatical from the orchestra) was hardly a fair test.
Indeed — even leaving aside

ness and stridency that one

a multiplicity of extraneous noises produced by all manner of cameras, lights, microphones and cooling devices (CBS television, CBS Master-works and the usual media bordes were dutifully taking it all down for posterity) - the entire evening produced so little musical distinction and refinement, so little that was well tuned and balanced, that no measured assessment of the acoustical renovation was really possible. Fortuantely there will be plenty of time for that in this indomitable edifice, now, in any case, sturdier and more functional than

Haunting in the ashes Unlike Belloc's Lord Lundy, I lessly, the record builds up — of idealism run amok and **RADIO**

have never been "far too freely moved to tears". Indeed in my role as radio critic I sit for the most part dry-eyed from one year's end to the next. It was in October 1983 that I was last drives to get out my hand-kerchief and that was for Shirley Gee's haunting trag-edy of Northern Ireland, Never In My Lifetime. Anyway, last week it happened again and the occasion was Djordje Lebovic's Searching the Askes (Radio 4, Wednesday).

This documentary in it original form won the 1985 Italia Prize for Radio Belgrade. Here, translated by John and Ruzica White and adapted by Isabel Aitken, it had been beautifully produced for English listeners by Louise Purslow. The programme consisted mainly of a compilation of notebooks and letters written by prisoners in Auschwitz. interspersed with extracts from the diary of Johann Kremer, the infamous camp doctor, and from statements made after his trial by the camp commandant, Rudolf Hoss. The prisoners were those who were forced to work in the Sonderkommando taking bodies from the gas cham-bers to the crematoria. The huge deposits of human ash offered an ideal hiding place for their writings, which they sealed in tins or bottles,

knowing that one day the ash pits would be dug out. So, after all we have heard of Auschwitz, Belsen, Dachan and the rest, what was there here to justify yet another account? And what in that account to make a hardened listener weep? It seemed to me that Searching the Ashes conreyed more tellingly than anything I have heard or read or seen a sense of what the prisoners' life was like. Lebovic was himself a child in Auschwitz, one of the 30,000 who survived out of a total of four million, and he has had a hand in creating the camp's museum and archive, so he

understanding. As to his material, the prisoners' records were extraordinarily restrained as if the writers knew that every precious, dangerous word must count. A quartet of Jewish actors (David de Keyser, Lee Montague, Allan Corduner, David Swift) echoed that restraint in their readings.

must have worked out of a

deep factual knowledge and

Set among them were the words of the tormentors and these in quite another way were massertive. Dr Kremer genially details good meals

be occupied his working hours Hoss reflects that to separate mothers and children on their way to the gas chambers would have been "utterly inhaman" and is relieved that they did not have to shoot all these people in cold blood. Statistics note that the capacity of the gas chambers far exceeds that of the crematoria and tell us

that each prisoner, kept alive for three months, shows a profit of 128 marks. And so on: quietly, remorse-

reason perverted to support a monstrous, yet strangely childish, inhumanity. Its effect upon the listener arose from those sharp juxtapositions, from that eloquent restraint in text and presentation and from a use of music that rarely seemed overdone and then only very slightly. To my mind all these elements combined to create both a radio classic and a lasting memorial to the

David Wade

THEATRE

An Italian Straw Hat

Shaftesbury

· Parker *

The souvenir programme anoounces this to be "adapted from the original by Eugene Labiche", which is not in itself disturbiog oews since any play first produced in 1851 is likely to be given some gingering to suil the modern taste - the taste of producers, that is, who are reluctant to believe audiother age, let alone another country.

The first stirrings of unease occur upon noticing a line in larger print: "Written and Directed by Ray Cooney". Now Mr Cooney is an author of many jolly shows (though not as many as M Labiche, who wrote 150) but, while he in company in building can be ingenious in building up panic in his simple characters, not even his best coauthor would accuse him of possessing a light touch.

The Cooney treatment goes something like this: When in doubt, bring on a man with trousers round his ankles. Laughs slow in coming? Write eoces could possibly laugh at in a prostitute and make her the unaltered comedy of an-

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Tom Conti, all wry or roguish asides, with the doddering uncle of Clive Dunn (photograph by Donald Cooper)

evening as a version of expensive settings. There are Labiche, which is sad enough, but cripples it as a comedy.

Instead of seeing Fadinard as the generator of energy, Tom Conti plays him as a leisurely creature, keeping one hand in his pocket, further slowing down any bope of fun with his unnecessary Italian accent, and relying for the comedy oo wry or roguish asides to the audience, which produce decreasing comic

returns.

with the exception of Mark Hadfield's Stan Laurei of a valet, Clive Dunn's doddering uncle and Deborah Norton's regally horsy Baroness, the characters have been stripped of individuality and are just simple stock figures. It is significant that the scenes change around the actors, who stand still waiting for the furniture to settle. In a successful comedy it is people

There are some ingenious stage wirks and countless Jeremy Kingston and amusing entertainment, but gives hardly a hint of how

also some jolly moments. But,

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SPECTRUM

Dissidents who count the days

Vladimir Filippov (right) is a prisoner in a Soviet labour camp because he is a practising Christian. While the West celebrates Andrei

Sakharov's freedom, Caroline Moorehead reports on the hundreds who watch and wait

he news last week that the Soviet Union had ended the internal exile of its bestknown dissident, Dr Andrei Sakharov, and had freed another dissenter. Mustafa Dzhemilyov, from a Siberian labour camp has raised hopes among buman rights defenders everywhere that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov's breeze of change is gathering force.

Yet Moscows dwindling hand of activists still at liberty are en-couraged less oy these headlinegrahoing gestures than hy almost imperceptible internal events: a television programme with a serious discussion about emigration: articles in newspapers critical of government policies: permission for a previously banned poet to give a public recital; the appointment of a controversial, non-party member to the editorship

They need all the encouragement they can glean from these small signs. In the middle and late Seventies, with descrite in the air and Helsinki in people's minds, human rights groups flourished briefly in the main cities of the Soviet Union, founded by people who were particularly brave, and others who reasoned that to support them was morally right. Not one group has effectively

Not to conform is to be dissident; and dissidence comes in many forms, most of them punishable. To embark on a dissident path refusing military service, signing peace petitions - has been to set foot on a road from which there can be no return. "The tragedy." said one young woman who chose the dis-sident way not long ago. "is that no activists see the fruits of their work -they are either in camp or in exile."

The Chronicle of Current Events, the sami-da: journal which over 14 years became the single most comprehensive source of information on human rights violation in the Soviet and last issue appeared in 1982; two years ago. Yuri Shikhanovich, its editor, was sentenced to five years in

a strict regime camp.

The Unofficial Comminee to Investigate Political Ahuse of Psychiatry in the USSR, set up in January 1977 to protest against the forcible

karung. Being a water sneke, it is a rather

slender creature. As a result

cutting up its skin to make

Filofaxes leaves an awkward

and useless edge. Maring Filotaxes therefore cost £200

This does not worry David

Collischon, an affable 49-

year-old. If he chose to make

Filofaxes out of sharkskin with ostrich inserts be could

sell them. After all, Steven

Spielberg has a Filolax as do

Brooke Shields and Mark

Thatcher. Woody Allen has

20 and it was his former

girlfriend Diane Keaton who

thought of the idea for the

change holder insert. Mean-

company to start manufac-

and mowards.

incarceration and drugging of political prisoners in psychiatric wards—
many diagnosed as having "sluggish
schizophrenia", a particular Soviet
variation displaying no visible
symptoms—has dissolved: of its eight founders, six have served camp sentences, one is in exile, and one

still in labour camp.

The five unofficial Helsinki monitoring groups have all been broken up; 16 members are still in prison or psychiatric bospital. Vladimir Albrekht, the mathematician who became an underground crusading lawyer for the Moscow dissidents. has recently been resentenced, while still in a camp, to a second term for "malicious booliganism", having reportedly refused to recant. Aged 50, he is ill and has lost 20 kilos. He has also been severely beaten.

single cause or movement; their contacts are not so close nor their networks so efficient as those of the refuseniks, who are far easier to meet in Moscow. The dissident movement is by definition a very difficult animal. The refuseniks want only to leave, and because they are in constant touch with the West, and many speak English, their troubles are widely known. The campaigners for human rights - the freedom to publish, to meet, to move around, to practise their religion, to criticize - seek reform from within. They look for support at home and, fragmented and unsure, are easily overlooked. Perhaps not surprisingly, it is

precisely those who have courageously embraced both causes who have been most punished. Sharansky received a 13-year sentence for his outspokenness. Professor Naum Meiman, a crusader for human rights and the last remaining unofficial Helsinki monitor in Moscow. has never received a custodial sentence, but his story none the less

Meiman, a respected physicist, became involved in the Helsinki groups as they formed in the middle Seventies, rising to become the Moscow group's spokesman as other leaders vanished into the camps. He speaks with some pride of the days when foreign journalists filled his flat



warily in the hallway outside. "Be-tween 1979 and 1982," he says, "we published 200 documents on all conceivable rights." But in September 1982, the Moscow group closed. "Too many of the younger, newer people were being arrested. We had to stop them joining. It had become too dangerous."

During those years, Meiman was harassed only in small ways: often ill and very isolated, his flat was bugged, his mail confiscated, his phone cut. But then a more effective way was found to chastise him.

sity teacher of English. Within three to have had access to state secrets, years, Ina Meiman developed a cancerous tumour in her neck. touching the spine. In the Soviet Union there is as yet no laser equipment sensitive enough to remove it. The Meimans had invita- of 600; Sharansky has spoken of

to pay all costs, but for three years they could not get the permission to accept them, even for the few weeks that surgery would take."It was," says Meiman, a gentle and distin-guished man of 75, "a sort of

Yesterday, however, they were told that Dr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, had given permission for Ina Meiman, who is now aged 53, to receive treatment abroad. The catch is that if she goes, she will not be allowed to re-enter the country; and her hus-band, who (like Dr Sakharov) is said will not be permitted to leave at all.

No one knows how many people are imprisoned in the Soviet Umon today for their unacceptable views. Amnesty International has a figure tions from surgeons in the West who 10,000, a figure now widely repeated

in the West but which has to be taken with caution. Among the dissidents in Moscow and Lenngrad, there is a feeling that numbers may be shrinking, as slowly people are emerging from the camps, while fewer new arrests are being made.

The monitoring of religious prisoners tends to be the most reliable, partly because of the concern of their parent churches, partly because Keston College in Kent, a private research institute which monitors the state of religious belief in Communist countries, keeps meticulous files - in August the college knew of 401 religious prisoners, 313 of them Christians.

The fortunes of believers in the Soviet Union have fluctuated wildly since the revolution. Today, their leaders are forced to register their congregations with the state, and by so doing they lose all rights to proschytize, to teach religion to children other than their own, to appoint their own chergy and to decide the content of their sermons. Those who ignore these rules occasionally lose their own children, for they are considered unsuitable

any of the families of these prisoners live in the endlessly repeat-ing breeze-block apartment buildings Leningrad. Inside, the rooms are warm but small and sometimes shared with another family. They are colouriess but not uncomfortable. Since most have disconnected phones, the practice is for visitors to arrive unannounced, explain that they come from friends, and then write down who they are in case the

apartments are bugged.

Vera Zinchenko is the wife of the pastor of Moscow's unregistered Baptists, a congregation of some 100 people who refuse to accept the restrictions. For his pastoral work, and his Bible classes. Vladimir is serving three years in the camps.

To mask our talk. Vera put on a music tape on a very old machine. She spoke of 150 Baptists, men and women, in the labour camps; she said that Jesus was looking after her and that her neighbours were kind; and she showed me a rough newsletter about other imprisoned famemigrate, should Vladimir not be allowed back to Moscow. She looked surprised. "I love my country," she replied. "I want to preach here."

One of the photographs she showed me was of Vladimir Filippov. an imprisoned dissenting baptist from Leningrad. There, in another suburb, another identical block, aparament 485 at the end of the red metro line, I found Anna, his wife, mother of six, a round, short, equally cheerful woman.

She spoke no English, but putting her finger to her mouth to indicate caution, she produced a large box from under her bed and, talking, smiling, drew out some letters from baptists in Minnesota, full of prayers and concern, and a photograph of a pale boy playing a guitar. It was her son Andrei, like his father now in a

One of the few remaining groups is the Trust Circle, a peace group established in June 1982 to "create a climate of international trust in which multilateral disarmament could be secured". Six of its founder members are in prison or psychiatric bospital; others are in exile.

And goodbye from him

On Christmas Eve, for the last time, the fruitily authoritative tones of John Timpson will growl "A very good morning to you", and then vanish forever from our sleepy grey dawns. It is, in a modest way, the end of an era in British radio. Timpson has harrumphed

away the early mornings alongside such diverse stablemaies as Jack de Manio. Robert Rohinson, Brian Redhead and - for three-and-ahalf years in the late Seventies — me. Now his idiosyncratic punchlined with evitable basso "Ho-Ho!", will be heard no more: except, within decorous limits, on Any Questions.

Listeners to Today, a loyal and pugnacious bunch, are already loudly mourning his departure. The motorist who once wrote to him saving "! looked around me, when you told that joke, and everyone

In traffic jams and elsewhere, lots of us will feel a loss

else in the traffic jam was laughing too", will feel a real loss in his life. Lots of us will. He has not, of course, been on every single morning. In the old de Manio days, John did briefly have to get up at five every day of the week; but since then the Today rota has merely demanded of Timpson and Redhead, its central fixed stars, a three or four days a week presence. They have been supplemented by such voices as Peter Hobday and Sue

John's tenure has not even been continuous: during the disastrous experiment of the mid-Seventies when half the programme came from Manchester, half from London, and it was further split into short sections by a dreadful melee called "Up To The Hour", John Timpson was right out of it all for nearly two years, trying his luck at television with the revived Tonight programme.

Television did nothing for him, but turning back to his old joh on a revived Today was only made bearable by the editor's depiction of Jobn coming like a sort of King Arthur to save his old kingdom in its darkest hour. Brian Redhead was brought down from Manchester, and I ioined them as a third voice.

friends, exactly, hut a curious sort of symbiosis develops between co-presenters at that dim hour of day. "It's like an old marriage," says John. "Isn't it? You may bicker between yourselves, but nobody else is allowed to criticize either of you." Presenting Today is a complicated craft job: you must hit fixed time points with precision, cut off garrulous Ministers in time to get 'Thought For The Day" on, think of quick one-liners to change the pace, without taking more than eight seconds over them. Old, practised presenters

get into grudgingly altruistic habits like scribhling correc-tions on one another's script: how many typists have sleep-ily put "now" instead of "not", and would have committed governments to improbable policies, had we not checked one another's scripts as well as our own? As Timpson said, reminiscing about the relationship, "You don't drop one another in it,

do you? Unless, of course, you really mean to . . . He has worked far more with Brian Redhead lately, and there was something heartfelt about John's speech on receiving his solo, splen-did surprise of a Sony Award for long-term services to broadcasting earlier this year. "I don't always get any of these," he said "without my little hairy friend beside me."

He is a BBC man of the old school: the Timpson generation of radio journalists rose through the ranks, developing its patina, emerging only in middle-age as front rank presenters. He had been a reporter, and a junior Court correspondent under the reverent leadership of Godfrey Talbot ("I like to think that as far as royal reporting went, I

John Timpson is leaving his Today

hot-seat on Christmas Eve. Libby Purves says

her farewells

was where the rol set in"); he was a Newsdesk man with Peter Woods, and then de Manio's junior partner.

He is a total professional: a straight, politic interviewer whose politics are publicly neutral. Above all, he is a purveyor of beautifully crafted jokes. The Timpson Joke, even if it starts life as a feeblish line stolen from a newspaper diary, is a wonderful thing: like a steam engine, all gleaming finely en-gineered and well-oiled pis-tons, chuffing at a measured pace towards the final puff of smoke and "ho-ho!".

He has cross, grumpy, cantankerous mornings; but when, in the old days, I would be on the point of braining John with a waste-paper basket, some spontaneous but beautifully paced Timpson Joke would disarm me. When we won the award given by Mary Whitehouse's Viewers and Listeners Association for being a good clean programme, someone said un-kindly "That'll please your neighbours, John" (he was caricatured as archetypai Home Counties Man, in contrast to the archetypal young. Islington-dwelling

John stirred his tea plac-



Jobo Timpson: lonely dinners under BBC canteen lights

"Ah yes," be said. streets in Chorleywood." Pause. "It'll be the veleta, mind you, but they'll be dancing.

All that is over now. Chorleywood is over, too; after 20 years, John and his wife Pat are moving back to Norfolk, and he will have a column in the paper be started his career on, the Eastern Daily Press. The Chorleywood house is sold, Today John has led an uneasy half-bachelor existence, staying in an hotel behind Broadcasting House and eating lonely suppers under the stark lights and tinsel garlands of the BBC canteen. 1

You get up early and drink gallons of very nasty coffee

asked him why, really why, he was off. "Had enough of getting up. Pat's had enough of my getting up. Just bad enough." He is only 58, but Today takes its toll physically even on a three-day cycle. You get up very early, you drink gallons of nasty coffee, you have a whisky and a marmite sandwich at 9 am to revive you. Brian Redhead once said that if a normal person felt the way we felt by 10 every morning, he would see a doctor immediately.

"Quit while you're winning, I say," Timpson observes. "Mind you, I've said that once too often. The other day, at some gathering, I said it and some young man got up and said, 'What makes you think you're winning? You should have gone years ago.' "And he laughed, a short bark of self-mockery. It is a sound I shall mise in the is a sound I shall miss in the

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Karung: find it in your

while is every London bistro the little leather files sit on lunch-time tables. In 1980, Collischon and his wife Lesley bought a small company called Norman & Hill. Annual turnover was about £100,000. Founded in 1921, it had begun by importing a personal filing system from the United States. A full-time job and then in 1980 was offered the company by the then owner, Joe Rider. secretary, Grace Scurr, realised potential was being wasted and she persuaded the

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curious little market niche among the clergy and the military. Both professions seemed to feel the need for a small, loose-leaf filing system with plenty of handy inserts like Church Family Records

or Troop Commander's Bible. Back in 1959, Collischon had bought one of the filing systems at Chisbolm's in Kingsway, the only London supplier, and wondered why they were not more widely available. Later he became a wholesaler as a sideline to his

His belief was that the portable filing system idea could be widely marketed as a business tool. But he had

reckoned without the wave of organisation chic that was to sweep the market. In the 1980s it suddenly became fashionable to be efficient. Odd bits of office gimmickry swamped the shops. Filofax, having been rejected by Harrods' stationery depart-ment, found its way into small leather goods and was in-stantly fallen upon by yappies and Knightsbridge dames.

Last year the company turned over £5 million and is now planning to go public. The reasons are obvious enough - expansion while the Filofax name is still on top of the market.

Exports now account for one third of turnover and a new sales force, taken on 18 months ago, has spread the gospel all over England. Previously it was thought inconceivable that envised in England. anybody in Bolton would spend £40 plus on a hand-

Abroad, the product sells as high-quality and British. In Japan a hardback book telling the Filofax company's history and listing dozens of Filofax anecdotes has sold 30.000 copies.

Competitors are emerging all the time, the most powerful being Harper House in Los Angeles. At present, Collischon occupies a tiay factory and office complex on the far side of Barkingside in Essex. To feed demand and exploit Collischon's ideas the company will have to grow bigger quickly. Yet it must also retain its smooth, up-market image as well as the vast range of inserts. It is these attributes which keeps the Filofax Fraternity - a club formed in the United - obsessed and

Collischon seems genuinely beanused by the company's success."I bought it thinking it would be a nice little hobby. Perhaps I could expand its business sales. But there's no way you can say to yourself I think I'll start a cult."

On the table at which he speaks are the latest variations - a Zandra Rhodes Filofax, a whipsnake Filofax and, yes, a sharkskin Filofax with ostrich inserts.

Bryan Appleyard

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The card that saves

Christmas greetings may be rescuing a peasant economy in distant Nepal

axmi Shohha is disahled, not badly, but enough to make working with the other women in the fields at the foot of the Himalayas too onerous. There was a time when her only prospect was to remain at bome, dependent on the charity of her ageing parents. Now she has a job. She may have made one of the Christmas cards on your mantlepiece.

Laxmi is one of 2.000 Nepalese peasants who have been given not only a job hut a new way of life by a greeting cards project. The project begins with shrubs that grow at altitudes of between 6,000 and 10,000 feet on the northern slopes of the Himalayas and raises money to finance clean water systems, bealth centres, schools and secondary income-generating

schemes in one of the poorest countries in the world. The greetings card factory, started by Unicef in 1981 in the ancient town of Bhaktapur to the east of Kathmandu, exported eight million rupees (about £250,000) worth of hand-made cards and paper this year.

The project grew out of a set of problems. In a country which was already more than 90 per cent dependent upon a fragile agriculture, two of the country's traditional in-dustries had been in decline for a generation and were threatened with extinction.

Papermaking had been one of the proudest of traditional Nepalese crafts since the 11th century. The technique had changed little until the Chinese Cultural Revolu-

tion in 1969, when many of the monasteries which had bought the paper - they used it for copying scriptures — clean-water drinking systems were closed and the in a country where only 11 per papermakers' market disappeared almost overnight. At first the papermakers persisted in the hope of find-



depredations of middlemen and moneylenders forced many to abandon their craft. Then the introduction of machine-made paper from India

satisfied demand. There was a similar story from the wood-block printers whose hand-carved blocks were traditionally used to print patterns on the locally woven cloth, which was the mainstay of the indigenous textile industry. Their old skills were made redundant by imported machine-printed

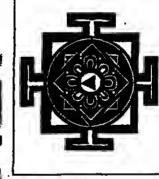
Unicef fieldworker, Kathleen Peterson, first saw the

A market that vanished almost overnight

advantages of reviving the two industries in a card printing project. The result has been not only revitalization of the old crafts but the creation of organizational skills among the communities which have changed other aspects of life in the remote uplands. The lokta gatherers who took advantage of low-cost credit and conservation training have used their new organisational skills and profits to huild ries needs no words. clean-water drinking systems

access to uncontaminated The rural papermakers have used their profits to build

cent of the population has



Nepal change: Laxmi Shoha and one of the cards that changed the

outlying child-care centres, a community health system and schools. They have also established water systems and plantations for wood fuel.

In the Bhaktapur workshop, which provides jobs for 46 women and 42 men, the workers have established a cooperative style of management. A code of practice ensures that a certain percent age of the workforce must be disabled and that only one member of a family can be employed so that the benefits are spread throughout the community.

The factory has changed my life," said Laxmi, who has worked in the paper-folding room since the factory opened. "Now I no longer live with my parents. I have married one of the printers here and we have just built our own house with a loan from the factory's staff credit fund." Under its new general man-

ager, Bishnu Shrestba, a young Nepali who trained in the British and German printing industries, the factory has recently expanded its capacity from 140,000 to 200,000 cards a year. The cards produced on the factory's mottled ivory coloured paper feature tra-ditional Nepalese designs. They have no greeting inside so they can be used all year. round. But the message of selfdetermination each one car-

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Why the credit card deck is stacked

How is it possible for people to run up so much debt so quickly? Lee Rodwell went shopping for high street credit and collected £8,000 worth of it with amazing ease.

Trouble is, she could never pay it all back

omorrow, if I wished, I could go on a Christmas spending spree to the tune of nearly £8,000. I have not had a win on the pools or eleaned up on the Stock Market. I have acquired a clutch of credit cards, most of them from shops. With them, I can put petrol in

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the car and have it serviced, redecorate the house, buy clothes for myself and the children, stock the larder, huy presents for the whole family and goodness knows

Yet I know that if I used these cards in their limits, I simply could not affind even the minimum monthly repayments (which would add up to around £400 a month and, given the interest charged on the outstanding debt, would do little to reduce the overall amount owed).

Three years ago the National Consumer Council called for a review of multiple credit card use, pointing out that the brake on excessive spending provided by a card's limit was effectively remnved when people were issued-with several cards. Yet since then, the pressures have increased for people to have multiple cards.

At present, store cards are a relatively small section of the total credit market. According to figures released by the Trustee Savings Bank, bank-issued credit cards account for 19.4 million of the 25 million plastic cards in use, and store cards for five million.

But the store card proportion is growing. It is a situation which worries experts like Ann Andrews, nf the Money Advice Centre in Birmingham, and joint author of

How to Cope With Credit and Deal with Debt.

She says: "I am concerned about the way credit is pushed at customers - one chain employs hostesses whose sole joh is to open credit accounts for people. They are on a low basic salary and get commission for each account Other stores operate some kind of bonus system for staff.

"The trouble with credit is that it erodes your normal commun sense about money. It is made to look easy, attractive. If a store says you can have credit, you think that if they say it's all right it must be all right."

The application forms for some of the cards ask for a list of regular

'Despite calls for review, the pressures have increased for people to have multiple cards'

outgoing payments such as mortgages. They all ask for a list of other credit cards held. But shoppers can apply for a batch of new cards all at the same time, as I did, so there is no way of knowing for certain whether an applicant is likely to get too far into debt.

Credit companies usually refuse to explain exactly how they determine an applicant's credit-worthiness. But as a general principle, the companies use statistics to work out which kind of people have proved in be good or bad payers. When a potential client fills in



the questionnaire on an application form, each "good" or "bad" answer is given a score. The total score enables a company to assess 'prohable payment

The company may also check with a credit reference agency to see if the potential client has been a bad payer in the past, or if he or she already uses store credit cards. On paper, I looked a good bet when I applied for the new cards -an owner-occupier in my late thirties, with no record of bad

debt, used to coping with credit (I

Express card), with a bank account, a husband, two children

But although I earn a good income as a self-employed journalist, I declined to fill in details about my husband's employment, and while admitting that I paid a certain amount out each month for the mortgage and the rates there was no space on the form for the other demands on my income - paying the bills, buying food and clothes, running a car and so on. Only one company, Sears,

them. Everyone else was prepared to take my word for it. In fact, Fenwick at Brent Cross asked for no information at all

Lewis, Miss Selfridge and Olym-pus Sports, wanted the name and

address of my accountants so that

they could get a reference from

about my salary and when they sent me their Personal Account card, they did not indicate a spending limit.

Given that the details asked for on all the forms were much the

ferences in the amount of credit allocated to me.

Some companies invited me to apply for a particular amnuni and presumably bore my request in mind when they set the credit limit. Others simply told me how much credit I could have.

With the Mothercare Storecard, which can also be used at any of the Storehouse group of com-panies — British Home Stores, Habitat, Richards and Heals — I was told that my limit was £600. Yet, with far less information to go on. Fenwick felt I was good for

I asked for £1,500 at Marks and Spencer and got it. My local department store Owen Owen gave me the £1,000 I specified, as did Harrods and Renault (you can use their Custom Card for petrol, accessories, parts, servicing and car rental at any Renault dealer displaying the Renault Custom sign).

sign).

But Harvey Nichnls decided £1,000 credit was too high and set the limit at £750, while Laura Ashley knocked it down even

'Only one company wanted the name of my accountants. The rest just took my word for it'

further to £600. Even so, I was able to add eight cards to my existing Access card, bringing the total amount of credit available to me to £7,940. Tempting, to say the

A number of the companies who run their own in-store credit card nperations belong to the Finance Houses Association. Its deputy secretary, Alistair Mac-donald, says: "We think that the best protection against overcommitment is the establishment of a National Credit Register. "Banks, huilding societies and

Barclaycard and Access would feed information in. We have also wondered whether local authori-ties and public utilities might be involved in this."

Mr Macdnnald feels that that the multiple use of credit cards is not a hig problem at present. But he adds: "If the National Credit Register does not develop, then I am not sure I would have such a

relaxed and sanguine attitude."
Meanwhile, Ann Andrews says that some stores who run credit card schemes could do more to check their customers' financial circumstances. She says: "If they asked for more information about income and outgoings, not only would they eliminate people who are dishonest hut it would make everyone think a little more carefully about what they are getting into.

They should also look at the way they treat people who fall into arrears. On the nne hand you have people marketing the cards as if there is no tomorrow ... and on the other hand there are the arrears staff really kicking you if

things go wrong."

She says people should think twice before taking up a shop's offer of instant credit. "When it comes to using credit cards people tend not to think about the interest rate they will be paying. It is crazy that people will shop around for ages to find the best price for a washing machine, but they won't shop around for the credit to huy it with.

"The rates on credit cards are high — many people would be better off with a personal loan from their bank. The trouble is that when yoo huy on credit you gamble with your future ability to pay. People don't think their marriage will break down or they will lose their jnb. But these things happen.'

Somebody pass the scissors.

Hnw to Cope With Credit and Deal with Debt (Unwin Paper-

A star possessed of high anxiety

son is performing in Hie Society, has ohviously got her hands full. "Whatever you do, don't show Natasha that you've got a copy of the programme. She can't bear what it says about her." She pauses and looks round apprehensively. "Natasha will be along in a minute. It usually takes her a while to get ready."

In fact, when she finally appears, having readied herself for the photographer, she looks natural and unaffected. Where do you want to do the phntographs? In my dressing room? Right, follow me." As we approach her dressing room, she pauses at the door and seems mnmentarily embarrassed. "Please give me a minute. It's like inviting someone into your bedroom."

Inside she is very anxious not to give the wrong impression. She catches my glance at several half-drunk bottles of wine and quickly says, "They're not mine. I share this with five other people. This is my end of the

surprisingly formidable presence. At times she seems shy, and obtained an Equity card.

London, upwardly mobile Natasha

Richardson is set to take another

step on the ladder

almost embarrassed by the interest being shown in her. At aware of the effect she has on people, hut not quite sure yet hnw to exploit it to her best advantage.

"It's very easy to be distracted by success", she says. "Things have gone so well I feet incredibly tucky. I get this sick feeling sometimes and think that everything will start going horribly wrong."

She went to the Central School of Speech and Drama in 1980, and got her first professional acting job at Natasha Riehardson - Leeds Playhouse in 1983.
daughter of Vanessa Redgrave
and Tnny Richardson - has a
plays in as many months she earned her theatrical spurs

The publicity officer at the Haymarket Theatre in Leicester, where Natasha Richardson is performing in High about to reach and Ophelia in Hamlet at the Young Vie. Her first break

> "My first big part was playing Nina in Charles Sturridge's production of The Seagull. Nina is one of the best parts for young actresses. It was wonderful because when it was re-cast my mother got the main female lead, and I was able to act with her alongside John Hurt. Working with Charles Sturridge (he others, she is very self-assured and relaxed, pleased to be the centre of attention. She is directed Brideshead Revisited) and people of the calibre of centre of attention. She is was incredibly, what's the word . . ?" She throws up her hands, unable to express the sheer enormity of the experi-ence. It was clearly a young actress's dream.

> > After The Seaguil she got her first television role, a part in ITV's Sherlock Holmes series, and went on to her first film, the about-to-be-released A Month In The Country. Most recently, she played Frankenstein's creator, Mary Shelley, in Ken Russell's

"I'm nnı naked at all", she hastens to say. "I managed to keep my clothes on all the time. You see a bit of leg and a



Natasha Richardson: yes, connections tend to open doors

lot of arm and that's it. Gothie was an incredibly gruelling experience. At the end, Ken said, 'Well, you've survived' and that's just about how I She didn't experience much

difficulty adapting from the stage in the screen. When you do film work, it's much more focused. It's like that - "she presses her hands tightly to-

gether by her forchead, fingers

pointing outwards, and screws up her eyes — "rather than that" — she throws out her arms, wide, like a swan. "But I enjoy both."

Playing Tracey Samantha Lord in High Society, she is aware of the responsibility of stepping into Katherine Hephurn and Grace Kelly's shoes. "I think one of the most

apart from the singing and dancing of course, is the American accent. I can't bear phoney American accents."

important things to get right,

All her life she has been aware of being better-connected than most and, despite her obvious talent, makes no attempt to deny the advan-tages this has given her. "When I started, being who I doors." For the time being, however, she remains stubbornly unmoved by the starstudded world she is poised to enter.

"I'm really not that interested in money. Money would never affect a decision of mine about work. If I was interested in fame and money (she spits it out with disgust)
I'd be hot-footing it to Dallas and Dynasty." So she'd prefer to be Joan Plowright than Joan Collins? "I'd prefer to be Natasha Richardson".

Being Natasha Richardson obviously involves not getting 100 above berself or growing up too fast. The other day, she and her co-star, Steven Rae, were having supper at the Leicester Holiday Inn when she saw Veronica Howell sitting at the next table. "I started getting very excited and pointing and saying: "Look, look, it's that woman from Hill Street Blues." Stoven just told me to shut up and stop being such an idiot. But I can't help it. I don't know what I'd dn if I met Michael Caine. I'd probably

Toby Young

Twins need not be double trouble

From Joan Parkes,

easy labour - three bours in all - and they were born at 12.30 and 12.40 am weighing six pounds each. Their siste two other daughters aged 8 and 12. I also had a job,

Life had to be strictly scheduled right from the first day, and I must stress that this would not have been possible had I not followed the regime of Sir Truby King, now looked down upon.

The day began at about 5.30 am, feeds were given at four hour intervals, and I was able to return to my job. I'm not saying they didn't cry between meals, but they were never fed, just picked up, cuddled, and put down again.

Very harsh, according to modern day teaching, but I was able, with help, to continue to enjoy my job, to write

TALKBACK

My twins were born at bome in 1955. I had a very was 16 months ald, and I had working for a GP and living in

a flat over the surgery.

I had a school-leaver as mother's help, a cleaning lady, and a writer-husband who helped a lot. I was extremely tucky to have been able to breast feed them simultaneously, little heads tucked under each arm.

I refer to Josephine Fairley's one or two children's stories, Twinning Ways (Wednesday Page, December 10). From Hilary M. Macklin. Buckhaven, Fyfe.

There is a perfectly good reason for the Army's reluctance to allow its female officers to have children and the Army is there to defend the country in the Army is there to defend the country in the treatment of the country in the coun

event of war. That defence would surely be terribly impaired if some of our defend-ers were lying in a materaity ward, holding babies in their

I do not make this point lightly. As we all know, pregnancy causes considerable changes in the nature and temperament of new mothers, the effects of which may last years, if not perma-neutly. These changes may impair soldiering ability to a perilous degree.

I would also suggest that becoming pregnant is a terrible waste of years of precise and vital training. I am not against any young women suddenly feeling the urge to start a family before her Army career is over, but she ought to see the day she acts on that arge as being the end of her joh in the forces.

A friend has asked me to look after her elderly mother for a few days. Thus, in a flash, it occurred to me that my contemporaries are no longer of an age to ask one to mind their children for a bit, the said children now being old enough to wear designer stub-ble and engagement rings.

I enjoyed the era of community child-care since, as everyone knows, you can take a child anywhere as long as it's out. The brat who, at home, eats bananas with tomato ketchup and hangs his clothes on the floor turns into little Prince Charming as soon as he is off-loaded on to somebody else. I always found it incredible, when collecting a child of mine from a neighbour, to learn that he used the grape-scissors with plomb and insisted on doing his homework.

Some streets, especially those in NW1, got things so brilliantly organized that no parents ever had to be at home with their own insufferable offspring but were al-ways babysitting at a friend's bouse where the resident children, faced with a mother who didn't belong to them, were perfectly angelic and quite often asleep.

I have heard that this neighbourly child-watch scheme came to an end when parents on the regular babysitting rota, bored with not having to sort out grievous bodily sibling rivalry and prise a screaming six-year-old away from Dollar, started

Farming out the family



PERRICK getting restless and peeked in desk drawers and bedside

cupboards. Nevertheless, the child-goround schemes remain an indispensable aid to same motherhood and I hope that, now I am qualified to take part in the mother-go-round arrangement, sanity will continue to prevail. My hopes of this are high since elderly adults, like small children, are much aicer to have around when released from the bo-

som of their immediate As the years rott by, people

tend to tell the same stories over and over again. This is tiresome for an audience that is always in attendance since it already knows the punchline. Yet aged parents, like provincial comedians.

can find love and appreciation wherever they go, as long as they are sent out on a anent tour. One reason why I shall be happy to supervise other people's parents is that we don't share a history of mutual misdemeanours. I am

still slightly miffed at my own mother because, when I was five she bought me a camelcoloured coat instead of the cherry-red one I coveted. And I don't think she's forgiven me for not being made a school-prefect. Other people's parents al-

ways compare one favourably with their own grown-up childrep. My own mother thinks I wear peculiar clothes and that I spot the most unsuitable man in the world at a hundred paces and make straight for him. My friends' mothers think that I am a fashion original and know such interesting people.

child-sharing days when one's daughter would report that Henrietta's mother made all the doll's house furniture berself even though she was a full-time brain-surgeon. One could handle this with perfect equanimity since the chances were that Henrietta was telling her mother that you could tap-dance and make chocnlate icing at the same time.

It is all rather like the old

Is there anybody in there? United States, answering ma-chines are an essential. Many

My telephone answering ma-chine threw a fit the other day, malevolently blowing rasp-berries and refusing to turn itself off. The painter, whom I had left slap-happy and sing-ing at the stop of a step ladder, was reduced to a state of nearspeechless fury by this earsplitting version of the Chinese water torture. The simple expedient of hitting the "off" switch did not occur to Most people still treat answering machines like elec-

tronic prima donnas, to be approached only with extreme caution. At the sound of the "beep" they either clam up entirely or carefully adopt the kind of stilted tones normally reserved for addressing elderly deaf aunts. The most coherent message I ever received was a while tape full of intricate details about central heating services - directed to someone else. The poor chap was obvinusly so busy not being intimidated by my machine he had neglected to notice it was the wrong name and number. Be all that as it may,

answering machines may lurk in many a Christmas box this year. No-one knows exactly how many of the things are currently in use, but British Telecom puts the figure at somewhere around 300,000. which leaves plenty of scope for the marketing men. BT's problem. own range includes the Robin . In the telephone-happy

are machines the sanest answer?

at £99.96 ("When you're out, the Robin's in"), and the more sophisticated Kingfisher at £165, offering a "high-flying combination of up to the minute technology and sleek looks" according to the publicity blurb. Alternative models - mostly imported - are now widely available from discount shops.

When I got myself wired up, my family was deeply scornful. My father, who has only recently accepted the tele-phone as a necessary evil, left messages so clipped and businesslike I did not recognize him. Everyone else, who took its presence as a personal affront, flatly refused to use it on the assumption that I was simply too lazy to answer myself. I confess to using it occasionally in the bath - no more soggy telephone directories and frozen feet - or at the childrens' teatime, when the noise reaches levels unacceptable to any Factory Inspectorate.

But mostly, the intention is to use it for work except that I often forget to turn it on. And oo system has yet been devised sophisticated enough to cope with that particular

Phones madden, but people leave them permanently switched on to screen

Diane Bergdorf was an-oounced, his future in-laws used the family machine to leave a "We're delighted" message for reporters. Amnng media types, the latest fad is to leave a message recorded by a farnous actor - preferably one with a sexy voice. Answering machines are marketed as part of a hectic

young upward and outwardly mobile lifestyle. The brochure for the Apollo 4000 Answercall "for people going places" features the departing backs of a young couple, she with soft-focus hennaed hair, he with Hawaiian shirt and an aggressively muscular grip on his sports bag. They bristle with importance. Until someone invents an

answering machine that really answers back, it will be a long time before they are fully accepted in this country. My painter should know. He had one once, but abandoned it after it chewed up its tape and offended all his old lady customers. Now he uses his

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THE TIMES DIARY

Greetings on the House

After my revelations about the "Ulster Says Noel" festive missives sent out by Sammy Wilson, Lord Mayor of Belfast, I hear that not all his Loyalist colleagues think kquite the same. Despite their boycott of Westminster, some Unionist opponents of the Hillsborough agreement are sending the House of Commons official Christmas card to their constituents. One exception is Harold McCusker, deputy leader of the Official Unionists, who in this respect finds himself at odds with his Democratic Unionist counterpart, Peter Robinson, and his leader. James Molyneaux. He tells me: "I have no intention of associating myself with such a charade. Why should I take advantage of the House of Commons facility when I haven't sat in the place for more than a year?"

In the red

Jeffrey Archer's resignation as Tory vice-chairman is proving expensive in the host of Conservative associations whn had booked him as the star attraction for their annual dinners. In marginal Richmond and Barnes, where the dinner is the year's biggest fundraising event, the whole shebang has been shelved. One Tory insider tells me the Archer withdrawals could cost local organizations throughout the country thousands of pounds - at a time when all want to stock their coffers for an election campaign.

On the list

Peter Walker and his PPS, Stephen Dorrell, are employing curious tactics to keep the Young Conservatives wet. Last week Dorrell booked a room in the Palace of Westminister to twist the arms of disaffected wets from the Federation of Conservative Students into joining the Greater London Young Conservatives, which, to Walker's dismay, has become the preserve of the Tory right. I fear this particular attempt at moist entryism may be fuiled, for an alert right-wing researcher had booked the room next door, and, for future reference, noted the names of all present.

Challenge

The usually dynamic Richard Branson will be remarkably still in the New Year. Following the example of the late Lord Shinwell, be is to have his portrait painted by the 82-year-old Waldron West, with the £1,500 fee going to the Royal Marsden Hospital's development appeal. In Shinwell's case the donation was generously in-flated by cheques from members nf the House of Lords and the Commons, among them Mrs I hatcher. Will she do the same for her blue-eyed anti-litter boy?

BARRY FANTONI



Hope abandoned Father Michael Winter, a prominent member of the Movement for the Ordination of Married Men for the past ten years, is resigning from the priesthood. After slaving away all this time, he has been very disappointed by the lack of response from Catholic Gaine, chairman of the movement. Could it be that Father Winter, now a lecturer at the Anglican Chichester Theological College, has personal reasons, oot unconnected with the campaign, to abandon his vow of celibacy? He is not saying.

Flying high

Lebanese embassy officials, who have represented Syrian interests expulsion of the Syrian ambassador, are flying their country's flag above the Syrian embassy in Belgrave Square. With 25,000 Syrian troops occupying parts of Lebanon, they are claiming that the embassy is the only part of Syria under Lebanese occupation.

Head start

A little-known bust of the late Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, has been given a new and more secure hnme in a park near Wimbledon Common. Until now it has been hidden beneath a leafy mulberry bush in a secluded corner of the park, arousing fears that it might prove too tempting a target for trophy-hunting Rastafarians. The Rasta penchant for objects linked with the Emperor, who is revered as the Messiah in the West Indian-based religion, has led to at least one court case over stolen library books. The hust in question dates from Selassie's flight to Britain from the Italian invaders 50 years ago, and was originally housed at the nearby home of his friends, the

A master plan for planning

by Geoffrey Rippon

Planning inquiries are falling into disrepute. The protracted agony of the Sizewell inquiry — the report is now reaching ministers four years • Annual white papers would set ont the government's current after it began - must never be planning policies (much as the repeated. Law and procedure need drastic revision to remove delay. Budget sets out fiscal policies), At the same time, environmental and spell out measures to make land available for housing, protection must not only be retained but strengthened. employment and other purposes.

Zeal for reform has gathered momentum. The House of Commons select committee on the environment concluded that planning delays do severe damage to the economy. Michael Heseltine, while Secretary of State for the Environment, estimated that £8 billion is locked up in local authority filing cabinets. More recently, a DoE minister, Lord Elton, concluded that delays to appeals in writing alone cost Britain £300,000 a week.

Here are ten proposals for clearing the logjam.

A new Planning Act to consolidate and amend present legislation, orders, regulations and government circulars which have long been treated as law. A clutter of secondary legislation can be swept away.

Why is the macabre farce on

Saddleworth Moor permitted to

continue? Whose decision was it

to suspend the operation for the

winter and resume in the spring?

Who, if anybody, is in charge, and

what does he think he is doing? An

MP has described the exercise as

"an expensive publicity stunt"

but it is not even clear what it is

supposed to be publicizing, apart

from the fact, fairly well known

already, that there are enough ghouls around to put a degree in necrophilia on the curriculum of

So many lies have been told that

it is now impossible to discover

when and how the idea of an

expedition to the moors arose.

What Myra Hindley's motives

were when she suggested or agreed

to the visit, and what the police

supposed could be achieved by it,

I do not know; it is inconceivable

(or at any rate it should be) that

the Hnme Office was not consult-ed, and although there is pract-

ically nothing too disgraceful for

that horrible place to connive at, I

find it difficult to believe that even

a Home Office minister could

have authorized those pointless

In the first place, there is not,

and never was, the slightest chance

that Miss Hindley, except by an

accident which could have hap-

pened to anybody, would have been able to find the bodies of

other murdered children even if

she had wanted to. You do not

have to be an Ettrick shepherd to

know that on such bleak and

forbidding ground, where a walker

could get lost in ten minutes, the landscape is such that any hun-

dred square yards looks like any

other. Dips and gulleys, mounds

and stream-beds, wander in and

out of one another, criss-crossing

and combining, until the very

rabbits must have difficulty in

Furthermore, in the 20 years

that have passed since the children

were huried there (if, that is, they

were, and we have only the word

of the murderers to go on), any

such landscape, even if every

detail as she last saw it was fresh in

Miss Hindley's mind, will have

changed beyond any chance of

recognition. Vegetation alters, trees wither or fall or grow, rocks

tumble or sink into the ground,

bushes die or are uprooted by

trippers and vandals; the murder-ess and the band of PC Plods who

took her to the moor could have

been standing on the spot where

the bodies were buried without

any of them having the least untion that they were doing so.

Nor is that all. Long before the

prisoner was brought to the moor,

the police had begun digging up bits of it. Possibly they fancied

themselves as amateur dowsers,

and went horsing around with

hazel-twigs, but if not, with what pattern they dug, and what reason

they imagined they had to dig here

rather than there, has not so far

been explained, and since the

police have carried out the opera-

finding their way home.

and distasteful happenings.

half our universities.

• The wide consensus that the time has come to end not only structure plans but also all other statutory plans should be heeded. Advisory local plans, annually reviewed, would guide development control.

 It would be a cardinal principle of the new Act that a planning authority must approve an application unless it would do demnnstrable environmental damage. The Act would exclude objections based on private proprietary rights which Common Law, and not planning law, should

 The Act would adopt a proposal for "deemed consents" made by the 1975 Dobry Report in order to cure planning permission delays. Of the present 400,000-600,000 applications each year, some 86 per cent are eventually approved, but only two thirds are determined within the eight weeks required by statute. A new law should provide that if an applicant hears nothing within 42 days, he has permission.

• Computerization of the planning process is long overdue.

• The number of planning appeals climbs steadily each year. The Commons select committee proposal for the award nf costs as a penalty is a good one and reform should go further and create compensation awards for injuri-

 I support Lord Denning's plan for three-person planning tri-bunals in place of the present planning inspectorate. Two members of the tribunal would represent local interests - one from industry or business and the other from an environmental group with the chairman drawn from the ranks of the planning inspectors.

• The inordinate duration of the

like Sizewell has brought planning into disrepute. Three changes would help: prior publication by the government of policy guidelines; a statutory timetable for preinquiry proceedings and robust stamtory powers for a "commissioner" - an inspector with a High Court judge's powers to maintain the momentum of the proceedings.

Objectors should receive planning aid. The government has resisted this change but the case for it rests not only on justice but also on efficiency. Professional assistance in preparing and processing an objector's case should make for faster inquiries. With charges for planning permissions now bringing in £42 million a year, the government should be able to afford it.

The remedies for the mischiefs that have emerged over the last 40 years have been analysed in detail over and over again. All that is necessary is the will to act.

The author, Conservative MP for Hexham, was Environment Ser-retary, 1972-74.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now



The last dig of winter - of a peepshow that should never resume

Let the moors keep their grisly secrets

tion in impenetrable secrecy, apart from a fortnight spent announcing it in advance and the 40 television cameras, 400 journalists and 14,000 spectators milling around the scene, we are left with nothing but guesswork.

Then there is the legal side of the husiness. Opinions have been solemnly canvassed as to what would or should follow, as far as the law is concerned, if bodies were to be found. Could the two convicted murderers be charged with further crimes and, if convicted, sentenced to life imprisonment? It seems that the answer to both questions is yes, but nobody has yet explained what purpose would be served by staging a new production of the original trial or by sending to prison people who are already there.

This shoddy Grand Guignol will not find so much as the bone of a little finger unless Plod, gazing up at the fleets of helicopters taking pictures of him, should stumble and fall into a hole that turns out to be a grave. Nor will it contribute in any way to the question of what should be done with Myra Hindley, let alone suggest any general principles about dealing with such people. The show should never have begun, and the curtain should be rung down upon it, in perpetuity, now, except for a one-clause bill, to be pushed through Parliament as soon as possible, making it a serious offence for any policeman ever to appear on television. But all the foregoing still leaves

out the most important - the only important - lesson to be learnt from this chilling series of official blunders. What good purpose owd nave been served even ii bodies had been found? Ignore the fact that the bodies by now would be crumbling skeletons; they would still be human remains, and it might be possible for them to be identified. Suppose they were; suppose we could match a name to each pitiful heap of dust so cruelly abused 20 years before. I must yet

The unassuaged grief of the surviving relatives of the murderers' victims is not to be tampered with; no comment. The desire for revenge which still possesses some of them must be handled with great care by us who have not known a loved life so brutally cut short. I believe, and always shall, that a thirst for vengeance, however justified, is the most tragic and stultifying culde-sac that human beings can enter, But then, I have never had such cause, or anything approaching it, to think thoughts of revenge. I have met Jews whose every relative died in the Holocaust, yet who, though they can never expunge the pain from their hearts, have cleansed themselves utterly from hate. But no one can demand that others should rise to such heights of wisdom and

charity, and sickening though I found the picture in which a relative of one of the Moors victims was brandishing a knife and longing to use it on Myra Hindley, it would be pointless, as well as intolerably presumptuous, for me to rebuke him for such

I am emphatically of the opin-ion that whatever pleas there were. from the relatives, for the moors to be dug over, with or without Miss Hindley in attendance, should have been kindly but firmly denied, and I would remain of that opinion even if the ensuing events had not degenerated into a repulsive peepshow. For is not an unmarked grave in soil troubled only by wind and rain, storm and snow, as good as any plot in a shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible; and we shall be changed." If that is true, be sure that it is true for those whose last resting place is unknown to mortal man, just as much as for those who lie in marble and the gilded monuments of princes, or beneath the simplest moss-grown slab in a churchyard. "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" If that is true, is it likely that children done vilely to death will be ignored in the final reck-

oning, wherever they are buried? Whatever happens, or should happen, to Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, their victims can gain nothing from it. So much is obvious; less obvious but no less true is that the victims' families cannot gain by it either. The dead need no advice; would that someone could persuade the living that they have amply discharged their duty to the dead, even the missing dead, and can now throw off the chains with which they have hitherto bound themselves to dwell in the tragic past of death, and turn their faces towards life

and the future.

Michael Heseltine on the need to convince each new generation of the efficacy of deterrence

Countering CND the peaceful way

There is oothing new about the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Its slogans and banners are hardly distinguishable from those of the 1930s. It is merely the latest manifestation of left-wing attempts to mobilize public support

for pacifist policies. But there is a second side to the movement. The genuinely apprehensive feel a dread and moral repugnance for military activity. My dilemma as Defence Secretary was how to dismiss the CND challenge for what it was without making it appear to this second, large and important audience that I was uninterested in

The protest groups did my job for me. My letter turning down a CND challenge to debate coincided with the public spectacle of myself brought to my knees in the midst of a police escort helping me to gain access to a Conservative Party meeting at Newbury. I would not suggest that this débacle was organised by CND, but it was the work of their supporters and the message got home. The sight of a raucous moh claiming to act in the name of peace spoke louder than words.

In the recently published Peace of the Dead, Paul Mercer meticulously documents the activities of those throughout this century who have used that most emotive word tical purpose. No

light bedtime reading. But for those who want to understand the meaning behind left-wing pacifist political language, it has invalu-able breadth and depth.

At one point Mercer quotes Marshall Shaposhnikov's revealing paraphrase of Clausewitz: "If war is the continuation of politics by other means, then it is also true that peace, that is politics, is the continuation of war by other means." And to fight political wars in times of peace, you need organizations. Mercer painstakingly charts the front nrganizations created for this purpose. In some cases he had to probe

diligently to find the suspect antecedents of seemingly innocent men and women. In others the front organizations obligingly exposed themselves. Thus the World Peace Council lost all credibility by supporting the use of Soviet tanks in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and then Afghanistan.

CND's particular appeal is based on its supposed raising of "the peace issue". Yet peace is not at issue. We are at peace. Indeed, Western Europe is at peace today precisely because for 40 years we have taken no risks with our security. A continent that for centuries fought itself to a stand-still has now established, in partnership with North America, a policy of deterrence which prevents any country from rationally

The closer I, as a minister, came more I detected the immense care with which the superpowers conduct themselves wherever serious danger of escalation exists. Both sides know where the real lines are drawn.

Yet credible deterrence also demands a broad equivalence of weapon systems and striking power. That match must involve nuclear as well as conventional capacity. Labour or Liberal arguments that there is another way are either naive or founded on an ultimate but disguised reliance on American protection which is both deceitful and opportunist.

That is not to say that arms control or limitation should not be pursued; it should. Both sides of the superpower confrontation are equipped on a scale beyond any rational requirements. But such are the understandable suspicions of those who negotiate arms control arrangements that even balanced reductions have proved beyond political skill. If from the Geneva-Reykjavik process such momentous achievement could be attained it would earn for President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov

the acclaim of history.

In these negotiations there is one characteristic of the western democracies which must always be remembered. Governments

calculating that gains can be made by military means. and parties have to persuade - by reason and against the propaganda reason and against the propaganda
of organizations like CND — each new generation of voters to sup-port the policies of deterrence with all the horrendous military capab-ility that that implies. That will be easier if those generations believe that the West has used its strength to negotiate arms control agreements and, having negotiated

them, stays within them.

The Camp David agreement to constrain "Star Wars" within the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty was a significant landmark on which the West should stand. The Foreign Office was right to criticize the infringement of Salt II, albeit unratified. What can one more B-52 bomber conceivably gain for the US when measured against the charge that America does not keep within its own commitments?

The Russians, of course, will negotiate and interpret agreements in the most legalistic way. But if arms control agreements are to be seen simply as pauses in the escalation process until one side or the other believes it has a decisive advance, then there will be no arms control agreements at all. And without arms control, the fraudulent appeal of CND will again begin to win recruits.

The author. Conservative MP for Henley, was Defence Secretary, 1983-86. Peace of the Dead is published by Policy Research Publications, 35 Westminster Bridge Rd. SE L

Michael Meadowcroft

Act of faith for the Alliance

Christmas chez Owen and Steel will, I hope, be a pleasant family occasion, but I doubt that it will be entirely non-political. I therefore offer a few thoughts for the approaching season of election

jockeying.
Political commentators have taken a rather blinkered view of the opinion polls in recent months. Feed the raw figures into the computer and it will produce a prediction of an immediate election result. But polling day will not be tomorrow; nor will the relative positions of the parties necessarily stay constant under the spotlight of an election campaign.

Moreover, the polis themselves influence the public's perception of the eventual result and thus provide the material for sophisticated arm twisting. The Alliance, if it read the polls right, could be the main beneficiary of this opportunity.

The received truth is that Liberals do better with the Tories in office. This certainly reflects the Liberals' long-standing view of the Conservatives as nur enemy and Labour as our competition. For more than 40 years we have been frustrated to see Labour getting away with the pretence of being a progressive movement committed to spreading power and to maximizing equal opportunities.

That position has been steadily eroded over the past decade as Labour has become more and more clearly identified as a party that sublimates individual aspiration and community expression to centralized economic control. Its current record in local gov-ernment and its national programme have demonstrated the real nature of Labour today.

There is no great public fondness for this government, nor confidence in its ability to show compassion for the increasing number of people in need. But despite this, and in the face of a succession of damaging events, there is a growing resignation to the possibility of a third successive Conservative election victory. It is remarkable that, in its seven years in opposition, Labour has not been able to sustain any significant lead in the polls.

It is this fact, plus the poll evidence for the belief that Labour will not win, that gives the Alliance its great opportunity. Certainly the Alliance's own ratings are way below what would otherwise be regarded as take-off point, but the clear message of the polls is that there is a huge opportunity for a political movement that can both demonstrate its ability to take on the Conservatives and be regarded as "safe". Certainly at by-elections, local and parliamentary, where real ballots have been substituted for opinion polls, there has been no reluctance to support Alliance candidates. The Alliance leadership needs

to focus its appeal far better if this opportunity is to be grasped. Leeds West.

readily assented to the pundits view that Alliance gains are far more likely to come from the Tories, particularly in the south and west of England. Certainly the electorate is more sophisticated than many beheve in identifying how best to use its vote tactically - something that will benefit the

Alliance in such areas. There is, however, a more seductive appeal to voters who would otherwise tend to be Labour. What is the point of maintaining an emotional tic to a party which not nnly seems un-likely in defeat the Tories but is unwilling to contemplate any post-election co-operation that could end Mrs Thatcher's rule and might bring a far more progressive and practical coalition into office? At least Harold Wilson was honest when he said in June 1985, "If I can't have a Labour government to live under I'd prefer to have a Conservative government to live

The paradox of Labour's "all power or no power" stance is that it opens up Labour seats to Alliance attack. The Alliance needs to elbow Labour out of the way in order to take on the Conservatives far more com-prehensively than Labour's narrow appeal ever can. Time is desperately short but the political opening is there.

It is not just a question of different words on leaflets or on television but an awareness that to appeal to that large constituency that is at one and the same time progressive but suspicious of extremes requires a radicalism that both challenges and reassures. It is precisely this balance that characterizes Liberal values and which has been taken into the Alliance. An Alliance that emphasizes community rather than class. internationalism rather than national gesture, and which stresses the crucial need to live in tune with nature, rather than confronting it, would strike sonorous chords with the concerns of those who reject the harshness of Thatcherism but who do not wish to risk today's Labourism.

So I recommend to David Owen and to David Steel as a New Year text the words of Ramsay Muir, a great but sadly neglected Liberal leader of the interwar years: "The only man who can answer the fervours of a sincere socialist orator is a man who is as flamingly aware as he of the ills by which our society is disfigured and as eager to remedy them. The only reply to Socialism is a creed that equally looks forward to a better future but with a sounder and a more reasoned faith."

It is time for the Alliance to work with the grain of its parties' values, rather than to believe that its support will come from only one side of the political divide. The author is Liberal MP for

moreover . . . Miles Kington

All you need at Christmas

You might imagine that everything is closed on Christmas Day, making it impossible to shop or get help with urgent Christmas problems. Not at all. Plenty of places are open - it's just a question of knowing where to turn. Here is a check list of problems, and how to get each

cleared up.

Last Minute Shopping. You wake up on Christmas Day and suddenly remember that you haven't got a present for your wife, who is coming to lunch, indeed who is lying beside you at that very moment thinking about lunch. Don't despair. Your local filling station is open for this very purpose, selling the most unusual gifts such as wheelbarrows, summer garden furniture, sacks of potatoes and rose trellises. If she wouldn't like any of those, have you thought of buying her petrol? Board Game Disputes. There is always some point on Christmas Day when people come to blows over the rules of some new board game. If not, they certainly come to blows over the interpretation of Monnpoly rules, the only copy of which disappeared in 1979. It isn't generally known that the British Board Game Authority runs a 24hour telephone service to deal with queries of this kind. If you ring up and say: "My wife, whn has been tense and on edge ever since f gave her a large sack of potatoes for Christmas, now in-sists that she can build hnuses on Liverpool Street Station. Could you arbitrate, please?", it will be glad to do so. Your wife will then go ahead and build houses nn Liverpool Street Station. Lack of Batteries. The biggest Christmas problem of all, whether

you are opening a new model car or simply trying to cast some illumination on your Christmas crih, is that batteries are never supplied. Well, the landlord of your local is almost certain to have some for sale under the brewery's new Christmas scheme - Stock Batteries and Get the Punters In On Christmas Day. If he hasn't you can always have a drink and forget about it. Alternatively, buy presents which don't need batteries, such as a sack of potatoes. Unwanted Supermarket Trolleys. While you are enjoying your warm, family Christmas, spare a thought for supermarket trolleys, many of whom have to spend the holiday period out in the open, unwanted and homeless. In

Battersea we have now opened a home for unwanted supermarket trolleys, many of whnm are cruelly abandoned by their owners at the Christmas period, especially just after they have taken home a sack of potatoes for the wife. But we need more money for nur wnrk. Please give generously. Thanks. Scrabble Arguments. Families can often be split in two during a Scrabble game when somebody wants to use a word which is nnt listed in the old family dictionary. Did you know there is a telephone number in Whitehall which you can ring at any time of the day or night to get a ruling nn the meaning of a word? Theoretically you should be a top civil servant or diplomat to get the service free. but don't worry. Just ring the number and say: "Helin, Sir Robert Armstrong here in Australia and I need to have justification for using an old word with a new meaning." You will be put through immediately. Christmas Card Problems. The

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main problem here is not how to find any decent cards, though that is bad ennugh, nr even hnw to find one on Christmas Day to go with a late present of a sack of potatoes, which is even worse, the worst problem of all is getting a card inscribed "Love from Chris and Angela, see you again soon", and not having the faintest idea who Chris and Angela are, because the only Chris you know is married in someone called Wendy. Just get in touch with the Alternative Marriage Guidance Council, which exists to give you advice no other people's marriages. They will tell you that the person you have been calling Wendy all these years is really called Angela but they were. too shy to correct you.

Any Other Problem. Some problems on Christmas Day seem just too horrendous for any solution. Let us say, for instance, that you have been wandering the streets nn Christmas morning looking for wrapping paper for a sack of potatoes. You go into a pub to drown your worries and stay there so long you're late for lunch. On your way home you realize you've left the potatoes in the pub. which is now shut. What do you do? Well all you can do is turn the whole experience into a new board game called Christmas Scruples so that you can make a fortune next year and buy your wife a whole potato field for Christmas

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From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

rent alleged child rape case, "re-moved his wig and told counsel to remove theirs before inviting the girl to give evidence sitting beside

Avebury, Mariborough, Wiltshire. December 10.

Battered babies

December 15.

Sir, At our local sweetshop I can buy deformed jelly babies for 22p a quarter, whereas normal ones cost 30p. Surely this is unfair Yours faithfully, SARAH LOWDEN (age 12), 124 Upper Richmond Road West, East Sheen, SW14.

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone: 01-481 4100

MARCHING FOR DEMOCRACY

When the students of China who have neither experienced cal expertise. As the poor of start marching in the name of democracy, the warnings from history sound loud. Chinese students have numbers and they have influence, and they have been in the vanguard of every twist in China's perpetual revolution since the turn of the century. That is why the crowd of 20,000 students blocking the streets of Shanghai this weekend cannot

be passed off lightly. The precise significance of these demonstrations, however, is still uncertain. According to some, the marches which have been reported from Hefei in the north to Shenzhen in the south, and from Xian in the west to Shanghai in the east — are only an extended version of the traditional December marches commemorating the student protests of 1935 against the Japanese. (Such demonstralions have gathered strength in irecent years as the impact of Japanese wealth and the influx of Japanese consumer goods has provoked nationalist

resentment among young Chi-Others argue that this year's marches were inspired by local student grievances such as sub-standard food in canteens

and indifferent teaching. Yet the central and unifying demand of the marching studenis has not been directed against the Japanese, nor has it been a call for higher living standards, but an appeal for more democracy. The meaning of democracy to students

nor observed it at first hand remains open to interpretation. To many, however, it means the right to criticise the government and the ruling Communist Party. It means more press freedom and the right of legal protest.

In one way, the fact that this weekend's demonstrations have taken place and the fact that China's leaders have insisted on the students' right to march is a measure of the more open climate in China today. But it also illustrates the risks to the authorities of opening up the country at all.

The past year has seen discussion in the Chinese press on two highly sensitive topics: How far the decentralising economic reforms require corresponding political re-form, and how far the leading role of the Communist Party is

appropriate in today's China. Now, it is being suggested that the demonstrators support one or other of the arguments being voiced in the press - that they are either in support of the reforms pioneered by Deng Xiaoping and implemented by his younger appointees, or that they see further reform as socially divisive and therefore anti-demo-

China's students have grounds for supporting either. As China's future educated class they have good prospects in a country which is setting increased store by economic advancement and technologitoday, however, with an appreciation of the privileges available to party officials, they might well be tempted to return to the egalitarian values of the early Communist years. They are ripe for manipulation by either line in China's divided leadership.

If this latest student unrest is not to turn nasty, the authorities will need to show restraint. To halt the marchers by force would risk violence on a scale which could severely damage the more enlightened image the Chinese leadership has successfully cultivated. They also stand to alienate the students - the very people they want to continue their cause into the 21st century. And for the moment the leadership probably calculates that the students have more to lose from the crackdown that would inevitably follow an unruly demonstration than

However, as the number of students continues to rise to meet the demands of modernisation, as the number of young people under 25 continues to increase beyond the present 40 per cent of the population, and as more and more young Chinese return from abroad with the experience and the ideas they bave gleaned in the West, their frustration with China's gerontocracy and backwardness is likely to mount. The student demonstrations of 1986 are a warning for the

they have from the status quo.

CANDID FRIENDS When, as Minister of Muthe 1960s); and he denies writing about Dilhorne with nitions in 1915, Lloyd George had to deal with restrictive contempt. Some may find this labour practices, he made the denial the least convincing disarming admission that he part of his defence. He wrote, belonged himself to "the stricthe says, with "a lack of est, the most jealous, trades admiration", but this seems an union in the world". He was understatement. referring, of course, to the legal Yet on the main count Lord profession, and the lapse of more than seventy years has done little to invalidate the description. The adversarial system operates only in court;

Devlin fights back strongly. The idea that former judicial colleagues should never be uncomplimentary to each other in public he rightly it does not extend to the public perceives as a glorified version discussion by lawyers of the of the rule that dog should not performance of other lawyers. eat dog. And he does not That, at any rate, was the accept this rule as sacrosanct, virtually unbroken rule until though it is clear that he last year, when Lord Devlin's believes in a close season. His book about the trial of Dr John adverse comments on Bodkin Adams, Easing the Dilhorne were delayed until Passing, was published. The nearly 30 years after the trial. author, who was judge at the and until Dilhorne himself was Bodkin Adams trial, not only not only retired, but dead. gave a detailed and fascinating

Yet he replies that if all criticism of a man had to be made, as it were, to his face, the world would be considerably more unpleasant than it already is; also that the book could not be written until Bodkin Adams was dead, and that he survived Dilhorne.)

Given that absolute rules of professional secrecy and selfcensorship are, in principle, undesirable, most people would nevertheless agree that there should be a decent interval before free disclosure and discussion of sensitive matters can begin. What should the interval be? The State ordains a period of 30 years before access is granted to public records (though unmentary Lords of Appeal in fortunately some are then held

back, to say nothing of those that may have disappeared). On the whole the 30-year rule seems about right and, so far as the Bodkin Adams trial is concerned, Lord Devlin has roughly, and quite spontaneously, observed it.

The same cannot be said of the growing number of politicians who, within five years or so of completing their careers, rush into print with diaries or memoirs revealing Cabinet secrets and rubbishing their colleagues. Their breach of "trades union" solidarity is so premature as to be manifestly unjustifiable, and it threatens the proper working of our political system. We can only hope that retired judges will follow Lord Devlin's example in its restraint no less than in its boldness.

Root-and-branch opponents of our system of justice, in which the purpose of all concerned is to prove or disprove a case rather than to arrive at the truth, will note one significant comment. "It is not part of a judge's duty to look for and expose submerged points — that is a job for counsel." The result, some will say, is that the truth far too often remains submerged.

Lord Devlin also defends the right of an accused person to remain silent, of which Bodkin Adams availed himself - which, in the form of pleading the Fifth Amendment, is now a highly topical issue in that other stronghold of the English legal system, the United States.

NEW MAN AT THE IMP

Camdessus, Governor of the Bank of France, as managing director of the International Monetary Fund has brought to an end a bitter three month conflict between M Camdessus and his Dutch 4 adversary, Finance Minister

account of it, but in particular

was most scathing about the

performance of the Attorney-

General of the day, Sir Regi-

nald Manningham-Buller -

later Lord Dilhorne - who led

Lord Devlin's behaviour

earned him a grave rebuke

from (among others) two fig-

ures of equivalent status in the

"trades union", Lords Scarman and Bridge, in the

form of a letter to the Times

Literary Supplement. Now, in

a postscript to the paperback

He disputes the argument

that it was wrong to write as he

did about a former judicial

colleague (he and Dilhorne sat

together a few times as supple-

for the Crown.

edition, he replies.

Mr Onno Ruding, who were seen as the candidates of the world's debtors and creditors respectively. M Camdessus, supported by France and the Latin American debtors, and Mr Ruding who received the backing of the Dutch, British and West German governments, unprecedently fought it out to the last.

M Camdessus is taking the helm at a difficult time for the IMF. Since the Third World debt crisis captured the head-lines in 1982, the IMF has advocated stringent austerity. programmes for debtor countries in severe economic difficulties. Austerity and adjustment having cleared much of the ground, the emphasis has now turned to the second necessary stage of transition, which is to renew the flow of funds to economies which are still in trouble but are now better adjusted to grow out of debt-induced stagnation. This was implicit in the third world debt initiative unveiled by the US Trea-Sury Secretary Mr James Baker

The appointment of M Michel at the annual IMF-World Bank meeting in Seoul in

October 1985.
As head of the Paris Club of Western creditor nations, M. Camdessus gained valuable experience in negotiating rescheduling agreements with East European and Latin American debtors during the 1970s. He is widely regarded as an able technician, with some commitment to monetary and fiscal restraint, but with more appeal to the Latin American governments with whom he will be in close contact over the next five years.

The series of debt restructuring negotiations due next year is expected to be extremely difficult, particularly in the wake of the conditions granted to Mexico in its refinancing agreement signed last month. Under the paradoxical provisions of that arrangement, Mexico will receive additional funds if it fails to register a minimal level of growth in the first quarter of 1987. It is thus rewarded for doing badly.

The international creditor banks were far from enthusiastic about another innovation linking debt repayments to commodity prices, in this case oil. The banks were eventually reconciled to this as a result of pressure from the US government to make Mexico a special case. Now, Argentina,

Egypt, the Philippines and numerous other debtors will be seeking special case status. The precedent has been established, and the pressure on the IMF's new man to make further concessions will be formidable.

There are few strategies that M Camdessus can promote to reduce the continuing debt burden. The swapping of debt for equity, which has had some success in Chile and Mexico, is one option that has come in for discussion recently. But for largely political reasons, this seems likely to be effective only at the margins.

M Camdessus realises that the debtor nations now need to rejoin the general expansion of the world economy. The IMF's job, therefore will be principally to clear away the remaining impediments to renewed commercial lending and private investment. That - rather than a fresh round of austerity - is what the debtor nations now need. But the problem that M Camdessus faces is that further pressure by the IMF for economic liberalization and the dismantling of barriers comes at a time when, having been through enforced austerity, debtor nations in many cases

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

troducing a presumption of guilt?
Yours faithfully,

Sir, Re video evidence in child

abuse cases (feature, November 25, leader, December 2), when I was 15 I wimessed the abduction

of a young girl who was sub-sequently found murdered. At the

identity parade I was so frightened that I could not bring myself to stare into the faces of the eight

men lined up in front of me. In

panic I pointed at random and

picked out an innocent man.
t have little doubt that my

action was largely responsible for

the chief suspect going free, and I

ease my conscience by persuading myself that the police should have

been more aware of the nervous-

pess that I had felt in such a

century later, I work as a child

psychiatrist in the field of sexual abuse, and feel that httle progress

has been made in the acknow-

ledgement of children's fears.

Many cases of alleged sexual abuse

made by children against their

relatives are withdrawn simply

because the victims become

caught up in a nightmare over

For a child who has already

been subjected to many hours of

repetitious questioning about the

details of the abuse, the antici-patory anxiety of yet another interrogation, this time in court

and in the presence of the alleged

abuser, can make the urge to

retract almost irresistible.

No child should be subjected to

cross-examination in a court-

room, since the need for justice for

the accused is not compromised if

a defence lawyer's questions are

relayed via a video link to less intimidating surroundings well away from the court. In this way

fewer children will feel pressured

to retract and some small attempt

will have been made to limit

The obvious difference between

an incest victim and my teenage

experience was that I did not have to go back to live with the man

released for lack of evidence.

Family & Young Persons Unit,

accountable MPs to judges who

are not. With the greatest respect, I

The great weakness of the

present system is that a citizen of

this country who feels that his human rights have been breached

has little scope for remedy in this

country. The only clear way in

which citizens can seek a remedy

for an infringed right is to go to the European Commission of Human

expensive business which is available only to a few. The introduc-

tion of the European Convention

on Human Rights to English law will ensure that a remedy is available at first instance in the

As a country which has ratified

the European Convention on Hu-

man Rights we are already subject

to its treaties. The cases of over 80 applicants from the UK to the

European Commission have re-

sulted in rulings in their favour.

Incorporating it into English law

merely brings it nearer home, where it is administered by Eng-

lish judges rather than European

RICHARD OTTAWAY,

Unfitting response

Sir, If the Inland Revenue's demand from Miss Margaret Slack

(December 13) is too large for its

prepaid reply envelope, and nei-ther must be folded, then the remedy lies in her own hands. She

may in good conscience reduce her

Middle House, 22 Long Street,

liability with the scissors. Yours faithfully,

Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

December 13.

House of Commons.

From Mr Vivian Vale

December &

This is a time-consuming and

Rights with his complaint.

English courts.

Paxton House, 57 Bath Road,

think this misses the point.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. WILKINS,

Reading, Berkshire.

further emotional trauma.

which they have nn control.

Today, more than a quarter of a

threatening situation.

T. G. STANTÓN.

Wintle & Co, Solicitors,

44a High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

From Dr Robert Wilkins

Safety first in

electric plugs

From Mr Peter Colebrook

Sir, Whilst agreeing with Mr Last (December 15) that it is not

uncomman to find pluss over-heating due to loose terminal

connections, we do not believe

this to be due to the frequency of

the mains supply in this country. However, Mr Last raises an

interesting point. Our experience

over many years suggests that this overheating is due to the phenomenon known to engineers as

"creep". Under high mechanical

loads certain materials flow slightly so as to relax the load.

copper conductors are pinched

against the side of a hole by the end of the terminal screw. This

generates high stresses in the conductor. Such joints appear reliable when used with solid

conductors in a fixed installation,

but can cause trouble in plugs, etc.

where the conductors consist of a

large number of fine copper strands.

plugs have, for many years, used

an alternative form of terminal in

which the conductors are securely

clamped by a nut and washer

gainst a substantially flat surface.

However, any plug that is not

wired and whose terminals are not

secured properly can result in overheating.

With plugs, as in most products, you get what you pay for and a

cheap plug may not prove to be the bargain it first appeared. Yours faithfully,

PETER COLEBROOK (Product

Shrubbery Road, Edmonton, N9.

Sir, The Bishop of Birmingham's

dichtomous desire (Clifford

Longley's article, December 8) for

some more definite structure of authority in the Anglican Communion, coupled with the

need for it to "be developed in

close connection with an emphasis

on the right and sometimes the

duty of the community to engage in critical discussions of decisions

on faith and morals", besides

being a deliciously innocent and

typically Anglican contradiction

in terms, calls to mind the

analagous dilemma which con-

fronted the Duke of Wellington in

his first Cabinet meeting as Prime Minister: "An extraordinary af-fair. I gave them their orders and

they wanted to stay and discuss

BERNARD KAUKAS

9 Fitzmaurice Place,

Berkeley Square, Wt.

From the Reverend P. D. King

Sir, The Bishop of Birmingham is

reported as recommending that

the Anglican Communion should

acquire a universal primate. The news brought to mind Lady

Brackneil's words "To lose ones

parent, Mr Worthing, may be

regarded as a misfortune; to lose

To find one universal primate

might be regarded as, on balance,

good fortune; but to find two . . .?

two looks like carelessness.

15 Beaumont Street, Oxford.

Counties in the cold

Sir, One frequently has it asserted by cricket's spokesmen and com-

mentators that the heart of the

first-class game is the county championship. In the recent dis-pute within the Somerset club this

generalisation was coupled with

the complaint that the county's

"star" players were neglectful of

its claims, leaving their less spectacular colleagues to bear the

burden and heat - or cold - of the

Your publication (December 5)

of next year's fixture list gives occasion to question whether the

cricket authorities truly believe

the championship dogma. To test their faith while avoiding identify-

of the two counties each with more

than one player in last week's Test match in Perth: Leicestershire and

Of the 48 three-day champion-

ship games to be played by these

two counties, one-day and five-day matches between England and

Pakistan are scheduled to overlap

no less than 19 of them (including

one when they play each other); the five-day MCC bicentenary

match will nverlap three more. Do the cricket authorities really

take the county championship

players really be expected to do so,

when they are liable to be called

elsewhere for nearly half the

22mes?

ours faithfully,

Walmer, Deal, Kent.

R. C. TRESS.

22 The Beach

December 5.

seriously? Can the counties' "star

Yours faithfully, PAUL D. KING

From Dr R. C. Tress

three-day rounds.

them.'

Savage Club,

Control of Church

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Engineering Manager), MK Electric Limited,

December 16.

For this reason all MK designed

This can occur in conventional

Points to ponder on child abuse

From Mr T. G. Stanton
Sir, I am at present dealing with a child care case involving a father of a number of very young children, with a very old convic-tion for sexual offences (which he denies, but of which he was found guilty) against a much older child of a totally different family.

When the social services found out about his conviction they investigated the circumstances but decided there was no ground for taking the children into care at that time.

Earlier this year the parents reported the social worker responsible for their family to the police for alleged sexual assault upon one of their children. The police could obtain insufficient evidence, but the result was to stimulate social services' interest in the children. The social services subsequently took care proceedings, and care orders have been made (now the subject of appeal) and the children taken away from both parents.

Securing a conviction in cases of child abuse may seem like an end in itself, but frequently the ultimate goal can involve care proceedings and the total destruc-tion of the family unit. Securing a conviction is not necessarily going to protect anyone. Securing a conviction of someone for an imaginary offence, or of the wrong person for a real offence, will

damage us all. I hope that Douglas Hurd will not be led into making damaging changes to the law simply to win the approval of people like Esther Rantzen and Mani Srivalsan (letter, December 10). He will only have to ask himself how a social worker would feel if his liberty and livelihood were to depend on a film of an interview with a young child whom neither he nor anyone on his behalf would ever have any opportunity of questioning.

The fact that it is recommended that such films are made "whilst the incident is still relatively fresh in the child's mind", as Mr Srivalsan puts it, almost certainly means that the "specially trained social workers and police officers" conducting the interview will have no knowledge whatsoever of the accused's side of the story.

If they have no knowledge of that, how can their questioning possibly cover all the relevant circumstances? The answer to that would be to abolish the right of silence. Why stop short of in-

Human rights From Mr Richard Ottaway, MP for Nottingham North (Conser-

Sir, Lord McCluskey (report, December 4) argues that the introduction of a Bill of Rights into United Kingdom law would shift the power from elected and

Asleep in the depths From Dr John A. Cosh Sir, Your Science Report (December 9) on the benefits to health of

residence underground recalled a visit made in 1977 to the historic salt mine at Wieliczka, near Cracow, in southern Poland.

The extensive worked-out gal-leries some 100 metres underground are now a museum which s a popular tourist attraction and include a chapel with statues carved in rock salt. The galleries below this, some

200 metres underground, have been put to medical use for many years as dormitories for patients with asthma and emphysema from a nearby sanatorium.

Every evening for five nights a

week parients descend the mine to sleep in caverns adapted to make wards for up to 20 patients each. Adjoining smaller caves accom-modate duty nursing staff over-night. The medical staff assured me that the still, slightly humid and salt-impregnated atmosphere is beneficial for these chest com-

The series of chambers with their someowhat crystalline walls inevitably brought to mind the mining scenes from Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Yours faithfully, JOHN COSH, Maudlin Road

December 13. Docklands airport

Totnes, South Devon.

From Mr K. C. Ralph Sir, The letter from Mr P. B. Lucas (December 13) suggesting that Sir Keith Park's part in the Battle of Britain should be remembered in the naming of the Docklands airport does not go far enough. After the successful defence of Britain Sir Keith went on to complete the successful air defence of the successful air defence of the successful air defence.

fence of Malta.

The Maltese having shared our time of trial (when we stood alone), could we not extent the naming of the sirport to enable the George Cross islanders' bravery in support to be permanently remembered in our docklands revival? Such a gesture would not only be a reminder of our gratitude to the Maltese people but

Care in community From Mr F. Berin Carter

Sir, In her letter of December 9 the Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security unjustly accuses Dr Harry Jacobs (November 27) of tilting at a windmill. As a parent of a are less disposed to cooperate with the IMF that imposed it statement, dated June 7, 1985, would ensure the memory of thousands of men who died helping sustain Malta itself. May I suggest George Cross Airport? Yours faithfully, K. C. RALPH. 19 Canute Close, Canewdon, Rochford, Essex.

Lost horizon

From the Reverend F. A. Mooney Sir, "The semi-educated are as hungry for moral values as the rest of us" (December 16). Is not Roger Scruton's implied claim to be already educated self-refuting? Education, like maturity, is always a receding goal. Yours faithfully. A. MOONEY,

Christian Education Centre. 152 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool. and I quote from it.

Government policy which seeks to close all large institutions and to provide alternative care in small mmunity based units

policy was no doubt originated by

reality of the practice of dispersal The plan to eventually close Leybourne Grange and the Princess Christian Hospital is in response to a

That is no windmill to parents

experts with good intentions. The

is as Dr Jacobs describes. There is already evidence of it arising from cases of patients from Leybourne who have had to be readmitted again after unfortunate experiences of dispersal. To where, or to what, one wonders, would such

The Old Parsonage, Frindsbury, Nr Rochester, Kent. December 10.

ON THIS DAY **DECEMBER 22 1941**

Hitler's assumption of more direct control over the army was seen by the Allies as his need to place me for the failure to оссиру Moscow before winter and to encourage his soldiers

HITLER TAKES COMMAND

BRAUCHITSCH DISMISSED

FÜHRER'S APPEAL TO TROOPS TO HOLD ON

Hitler has dismissed Field Marhal von Brauchitsch, Command er-in-Chief of the German Army and has himself taken over the post. . . The announcement comes at the same time as the news of further Russian successes, particuarly in the north...

Hitler, in an appeal to the German Army on his assumption of the supreme command, says:— Soldiers of the Army and S.S. formations. The battle for the liberty of our people and for the ecurity of its future existence the battle which is to make it possible for us to be threatened every 20 to 25 years with a war under a fresh pretext but in reality for the same Jewish capitalist interests - is now approaching its culminating and turning point. The German Reich, traly, and the nations allied to us have had the fortune to find in Japan, who is a world Power, a new friend and comrade in arms. Japan was to have been strangled with the same orms and pretexts as we ourselves With the lightning destruction of the American Pacific Fleet and the British forces at Singapore, with he occupation of numerous British and American bases in western Asia by the Japanese forces, the present war is now entering upon a new and favourable stage for us. We are now facing a decision of

world-wide importance. The armies in the East, after their immortal victories without parallel in world history against the most dangerous enemy of all time, must now, owing to the sudden onset of winter, be brought from mobile progress into a sta-tionary front, it is their task, up to the coming of spring, to hold and defend with like fanaticism what they have hitherto conquered with measurable beroism and heavy

Preparations for an immediate esumption of offensive operations in the spring, until the enemy in the east is finally destroyed, must be taken at once. Other defensive

war measures are about to be I know war from the four years of ghty conflict in the we 1914 to 1918. I experienced person-ally the horrors of almost all the battles as an ordinary soldier. I was wounded twice and was even

threatened with blindness.
It is the army which bears the weight of the struggle. In these ricumstances I have therefore decided, in my capacity of Supreme

Commander of the German armed forces, to assume personally the eadership of the army. Thus nothing that torments you weighs upon you, and oppresses you is unknown to me. I alone after four years of war, never for a second doubted the resurrection of my people. With my fanatical will

I, a simple German soldier, succeeded after more than 15 years of work, in uniting once more the whole German nation and in freeing it from the death sentence

My soldiers, you will therefor understand that my heart belongs solely to you, that my will and my work serve unflinchingly the greatness of my people, that my mind and my resolution are directed only towards the destruction of the enemy - that is, towards the rictorious conclusion of this war. What t can do for you, my oldiers of the Army and the S.S.

formations, by way of care and leadership, will be done. What you can do for me and what you will do. know you will do with loyalty and bedience until the Reich and our German people are finally saved.

God Almighty will not withhold a victory from his brave soldiers. .

Human face of law

ing "star" players — or where they might be playing next season — let us simply look at the programmes Sir, "Judge Greenwood", you report (December 9) on the cur-

But why only for a little girl? Why not for everybody? Could this be the first step towards the removal altogether of this ludicrous and unnecessary garment whose only object under our adversary system is to maintain the artificial barrier between the

judges and the judged? What is most needed in our courts now surely is for lawyers to he seen to be human too, for all the diverse elements to a courtroom to be brought nearer together, not driven further apart. The abandonment of the wig would be a wonderful start.

Yours etc. LUDOVIC KENNEDY, Ashdown House,

From Miss Sarah Lowden

cases be sent if Leybourne and the severely handicapped Downs Synof severely handicapped children like were closed? drome child, a patient these last within these institutions, and Yours faithfully. thirty years in an excellent instituevidently it is no windmill to the tion (Leybourne Grange, near F. BERIN CARTER, Chairman of the Society of Clini-Maidstone) under the Tunbridge cal Psychiatrists. Wells Health Authority, I was sent The theory behind the dispersal are less disposed to cooperate



COURT CIRCULAR

December 21: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this evening at-tended a Gala Tribute presented by English National Opera at the London Coliseum to honour the achievements of the Lord Goodman in the Arts. Miss Nona Mitchell was in

Princess Anne will attend the Scottish Sportswomen of the Year 1986 dinner at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow, on Jaouary 27. The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Berlio to attend the premiere of the Royal Ballet on November 1, 1987, during their official visit to West Germany from November 2 to November 7.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Howard Thomas will be held at noon oo Thursday, January 15, 1987, in St Martin-in-the-Fields.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Hugh Stockwell will be held in West-minster Abbey at 0000 on Friday, March 20, 1987. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets in writing to the Receiver General, Room 20. The Chapter Office, 20 Deao's Yard, Westmioster Ahbey, London, SW [P 3PA, enclosing a stammed addressed assessed to the stammed addressed to the stammed and the stammed and the stammed addressed to the stammed and the stammed assessed to the stammed as the stammed a stamped addressed envelope, by Friday, March 6, 1987. Tickets will be posted on Friday, March

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir Joho Air Chief Marshal Sir Joho Aikeo, 65; Dame Peggy Asbcroft, 79; Mr James Burke, 50; Dr Alan Bush, 86; the Right Rev Cyril Easthaugh, 89; Mr Noel Edmonds, 38; Miss Pa-tricia Hayes, 77; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, 81; Mr Michael Molloy, 46; Mr Chris Old, 38; the Rev Lord Sandford, 66; the Duke of Westminster the Duke of Westminster, Colonel W.H. Whithread, the Very Rev J.H.S. Wild, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne,

Church news

on perish church, nsibility for St Ge in the Presion rainistry, dioce of Norwich, to be curate, Enlog, same diocese.

The Rev R I, Parker, Vicar, Nether Stowey with Over Stowey, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Rural Dean of Quantuck, same diocese.

The Rev P H Ronsant, Vicar, 62, Lake's, Norwood, diocese of Southward, Norwood, diocese of Southward, Norwood, diocese of Southward, Norwood, diocese of Southward, Norwood, diocese of Yorkshira, to be also adviser for spetitual direction, same diocese,

The Rev W H Thomson-Glover, Vicar, Sherston Magoa with Easton Grey and Lucklopton with Adderton and prica in charge, Foxdey with Brentificant, diocese of Bristo, to be Vicar, Foxdey with Grentifinand, same diocese, Brentinson, mourse a seasoblear, Forder with Grentilham, same
dioces.

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deviated priest. St. Francis, well
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and Thermage, diocese of Norwich.
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of St. Albana, to be also an horocary
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Bethop's Waltham, diocese of Portymouth, to be Vicar, Holy Trinity with
St Philip, Beechwood Road, Balston,
diocese of London.
The Rev J O Wright, non-stipendary
minister, diocre of Rochester, to be
priest to charge. Walangle, diocese of
Lorier.

Decimalisms and retirements

Forthcoming marriages

Other appointment

The Hon E.F. Quinton and Miss S.E. Travis The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Lord and Lady Quioton, of Trinity College, Oxford, and Sarah, daughter of Mr A.W. Travis, of Western Samoa, and Mrs C.C. Charlesworth, of Oxford.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev M Barnett, Vicar, Watche and Rural Deen of Quantock, dioce of Bath and Wells, to resion as Rur Dean, but continues as Vica

Mr W.J.J. Crawshay and Miss C.E.A. Bowman The engagement is announced between William John Julia, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Crawshay, of Tasburgh Grange, Norwich, Norfolk, and Claire Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joho Bowman, of Ingatestone House, Ingatestone, Essex.

Mr E.F. Dewing and Miss K.B. Matthews The engagement is announced between Edward Francis, youn-ger soo of Mr and Mrs Edward Dewing of Beeston Hall, Norwich, Norfolk, and Kathleen Bernadette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Matthews,

Newton-St-Faiths, Norwich, Mr N.K. Evans and Miss L.M.C. Bergendorff The engagement is announced

Tadworth, Surrey, and Flair, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.S. Kennett, of Sudbrooke, Lincoln. Mr T.D.N. Argent and Miss S.J. Seymour The engagement is announced between Nicholas, third soo of Mr and Mrs R.S. Evans, of between Nieholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.H. Ardent, of Sutton Coldfield, West Mid-Staplefield, Sussex, and Jane, lands, and lise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Bergendorff, of Kalmar, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Seymour, of Lidgate, New-market, Suffolk.

oing for the bruised but not yet beaten post-war consensus

on social policy in Britain. The threat to that consensus state itself was identified as coming from the new right's ideology of individualism; and in the name of Christianity the theologians and social scientists who composed the document affirmed the leftcentre doctrine of collective respoosibility.

That is indeed the current social teaching of all the churches in the West, as well illustrated by the American catholic bishops recent statement on capitalism and related matters. The new right in the United States has more disposal, and that statement has produced critics able to argue the toss in technical is more of the same.

Theological terms.

Britain's new right is more pragmatic and secular the recent Aoglican statement has oot had such rigorous theological analysis applied to it, any more than the Faith in the City did last year, though both make assumptions which new rightists profonodly dispute.

Not Just for the Poor did remark in passing on the fascinating similarity between typical new right ideas on personal responsibility, and something generally regarded as much more left than right, the theology of liberation of Latin America.

cial ethics in Europe and North America has struggled natural and even exciting worked). development. At second sight it looks more difficult.

Liberation and the new right The recent Anglican essay on the welfare state, Not Just for the Poor, was described as a piece of theological underpin
Liberation theology's oritine the redical rejection of what it called developmentalism as the desirable model for equitable

First World-Third World economic . relations. Developmentalism, broadly and therefore to the welfare the rich nations helping the poor by conventional aid, trade, and technical assistance, is a kind of international equivalent of

If developmentalism lays itself open to sustained theological assault io the name of "liberation", then so perhaps does welfarism. But the tool of economie analysis used io liberation theology is Marxism; and there is not much evidence of a Marxist critique of the welfare state. either theological or ideological. If Western Marxism theological firepower at its seems to belong to the leftcentre political consensus then what the Welfare State needs

> Developmentalism, like welfarism, nddresses its principle moral appeal to the "haves", urging them to do more for the "have-nots". It is at home with liberal middle class well-to-do troubled consciences. The practical flaw in developmentalism was that it was oot in fact seen as proving successful in abolishing Third World poverty.

The theoretical flaw was that it left oo initiatives in the hands of the poor themselves, which is the point at which radical theological criticism was brought to bear. If the poor were blessed, and if the truth of the Gospel was the So far, the left-centre solidarity of the church with theological consensus on so- them - the "option for the poor" - they should surely have a central role as agents of without much success to ex- their own improvement, oot tend its scope by embracing as passive beneficiaries of liberatioo theology, though schemes devised by the rich that might at first seem a (eveo if such schemes

> That passivity seemed to contradict the dignity and

scribed as a kind of synthesis of political struggle, personal growth, and spiritual salvasonal and spiritual liberatioo are not regarded as three

Clifford Longley

distinct processes. So what would the same approach make of welfarism? It would certainly note the same passive role allotted by it to the poor, and its same expectation that their lot will improve provided the better off "transfer" some of their resources" to them.

. It would note that poverty is not io fact being reduced, and part of the definition of poverty is extreme depen-dence and helplessness, it is increasing. It would note that despite whatever warmth of brotherly love motivates the haves in supporting welfare provision financially, the actual face of the welfare state as encountered by the have-nots is cold, bureaucratic, and

It would surely also note that while almost all the poor in Britain can have their basic subsistence needs met from welfare agencies, they have had to pay the price of surrendering control over their own lives to those agencies. It would note that the traditional left-right political argument is supremely irrelevant to their plight, as all the agencies oo which they are dependent are in one form or another state-funded and controlled: the classical figure of the "capitalist oppressor" is just oot present in their lives.

Finally it would note that that puts those agencies virtually beyond the power of the poor to influence them in any personal way. It matters nothing to a poor Liverpool pen-

pride-of-place which the Gos-sioner whose council house pel awards the poor. So the roof leaks that the housing poor themselves were to take department which keeps her in hand their own waiting so long for attention is "liberation", which was described controlled. Voting Conservative will not mend her roof.

That might be what a tion. Liberation theology is liberation theology critique of very anti-dualist: a person is the weifare state would look one entity, and political, per-like. It is not so far from a new right critique. In broad principle, too, the remedy to this condition, putting control of their lives back into the hands of individuals while taking it away from state monopoly welfare, would be common to both.

The new right would argue that a free and competitive market, even in such matters as council house roof repairs, would "liberate" the poor from the prisoo of total depen-dence and lack of control (provided the social wage represented by the right to welfare was redistributed to the same people as cash in hand.)

Liberation theology in Latin America was essentially a visioo of human dignity and freedom rather than an economie theory, but it needed an economic theory, Marxism, to analyse and get to grips with the forces that were causing the denial of human dignity and freedom. A Western "in-ner urban area" theology of liberation would have to have the same vision; but it could surely choose whatever economie theory it found useful in laying bare the problems. If the problem is not right-

wing captalism as in Latin America, but "old left" state moonpoly centralist socialism of the post-war welfare state consensus, new right eco-nomie theory could be the answer. Human nature, being what it is, however—and even theologians suffer from human nature - it had better be renamed something else.

Not Just for the Poor, £4.95; Faith in the City, £7.50; both Church House Publishing Co.



Edgbaston, where the game of lawn tennis began more than 120 years ago (Photograph: Philip Dunn). Birthplace of lawn tennis up for sale

Edgbaston, Birmingham, is recognized as the hirthplace of lawn tennis (Craig Seton

writes). It was there, more than 120 years ago, that the seeds of the modern Winnhledon game WETE SOWIL

An ugly air raid shelter now occupies the spot in the garden of the fine mid-Victorian house where Major Harry Gem, clerk to the Birmingham magistrates, and Augurio Perera, a wealthy local merchant, marked out a rudimentary court and played the first game of lawn tennis.

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest soo of Mr and Mrs J.R.W. Gleave, of Great Shelford, Cambridge, and

Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Mulhero, of Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. Goodfellow, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire,

and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M.W. Hussey.

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.T. Marsden, of

Hove, Sussex, and Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Dicker, of Woking, Surrey.

The engagement is announced

between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.F. Milne, of

Mr J.M.N. Gleave and Miss J.E. Mulhern

Mr J.M. Goodfellow

and Miss F.A. Hussey

of Weymouth, Dorset.

and Miss J.C. Dicker

Mr G.T. Marsden

Mr J.C. Milne and Miss F. Kennett

John McEnroe and Boris The three-storey house, Becker might not know it, but only about one mile from the No 8 Ampton Road, centre of Birmingham, is being sold for more than £120,000.

The new owner will acquire not only a seven-bedroomed home but a piece of tennis history, which is commemorated by a blue wall plaque stating that in 1865 lawn tennis was originated and played there by Major Gem and his good friend Mr Perera.

Records of the Lawn Tennis Association suggest, however, that Major Gem and Spanishboru Mr Perera probably began playing tennis there about seven years earlier.

Mr R.D.Y. Jeanings and Miss J.A. Nethaway The engagement is announced between Richard, only soo of Sir Robert and Lady Jennings, of Grantchester, oear Cambridge,

and Jilian, only daughter of Mr J. Nethaway, of Dublin, Repub-lie of Ireland, and Mrs J. Nethaway, of Galway, Republic Mr A.G.E. Ashr and Miss C. Blackwell The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest soo of Mrs Madeleine Ashmore, of Loudon, and Mr Michael Ashmore, of Djibouti, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Blackwell, of Dubal.

Marriages Mr S.M. Edwards and the Hon A.E. Turner

The marriage took place oo Satorday at St Andrew's, Boothby Pagnell, of Mr Simon Edwards, elder son of the late Mr Roland Edwards and of Mrs Julia Edwards, of Fentimen Road, London, SW8, and the Hoo Anna Turner, eldest daugh-ter of the late Lord Netherthorpe and of Lady Netherthorpe, of Boothby Hall, Boothby Pagnall, Lincolnshire, Canon O.R. Fulljames and the

Rev Keith Morley officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, was attended by James Turner,

The plaque on the wall of 8 Ampton Road.

The records states "For twelve years the game thrived on Edgbaston ter?'. By 1872 the first lawn tennis club was formed at Leamington Spa, 22. miles away. There is little information to

Catherine Turner and the Hon Kate Turner. Mr Adrian Kyriazi A reception was held at the home of the bride and the homeymoon will be spent

Mr J. Day and Miss S.L. Salmon The marriage took place on December 20, 1986, in Graz. Austria, of Mr Jeremy Day and Miss Shirley Lamond Salmon, elder daughter of Mrs Nella Salmon, of Loirston, 18 Selsdon Road, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey, and the late Mr Christopher Salman.

Mr M.C. Kimmins and Miss C.A. Brooke-Popham The marriage took place on Saturday, December 20, at St Pancras Church, Bagborough, of Mr Mark Kimmins, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. John Kimmins, and Miss Catherine Brooke-Popham, daughter of Captain Philip Brooke-Popham and Mrs Peter Larg.

Mr N.J.H. Jones and Mrs S.B. Brough The marriage took place in Kensingtoo on Saturday. December 20, between Mr Nichalas J.H. Jones and Mrs Sharon B. Brough.

Mr J.D. Stephenson and Miss C.A. Shalet The marriage took place on December 20 between Mr Joho David Stephenson and Miss Caroline Ailsa Shalet.

explain how Major Gem and Mr Perera came to create the new game of lawn tennis.

Mr Perera was reating 8 Ampton road, built at a cost of £1,000, at the time and lived there with his family and several servants.

He and Major Gem are believed to have developed lawn tennis from a game called sphairstike, which was in-rented by Major Walter Wingfield, a member of the Corps of Gentlemen at Arms at the Court of Queen Victoria.

His game was played on an hour-glass court and with a high net.

University news

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES Toty Robertson, artistic director at Theat Ciwyd, has been appointed honorary professor of drama for a five-year period. Appointment

Grants to temoricensis are potential role as for chemotherapy.

ECC \$38,900 to Professor G G Cocson to study the application of ordering the structure function reinforenties in a peptide hormone and empress.

Science and Engineering Research Council: \$34,536 to Dr S Gibbert and Dr R N Peruz for ESR studies in organic themistry: \$140,641 to Dr O Orr to study the UK sub-autoral respectation of the control of the cont

Stepping down

Brigadier Brian Keooeth Warner, late Royal Regiment of Artillery, has relinquished the appointment as Aide-de-Camp Brigadier Peter Harrisgo Swinboe, late RAMC, has relinquished the appointment as

honorary physician to the

SIR HARRY PLATT, BT Grand Old Man of British orthopaedics

Sir Harry Platt, Bt, FRCS, Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Univer-sity of Manchester and Past President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, died on December 20, at the age of

OBITUARY

100. Harry Platt was born at Thornham, Lancashire, on October 7, 1886. His mother vas Scottish; his father, a Manchester man, was a master velvet cutter. Both pareots lived to be nonagenarians.

Platt's life was dominated by the development of a tuberculous knee joint at the age of five. As a result of this be was frequently confined to bed and his early education was at home. In later life he remarked that his parents seemed to find it harder to come to terms with the handicap than he did himself.

He was eventually referred to Robert Jones, the renowned Liverpool orthopaedic sur-geon, for whom he formed a deep affection and with whom he later received some of his surgical training. Despite his knee trouble, he described his childhood as remarkably con-

tented. His home education was catholic. He read widely and became quite finent in French and German, as well as a highly proficient pianist. Indeed, music became the passion of his childhood, and in 1903 he prepared three com-positions for the Mendelssohn scholarship which, that year, was won by George Dyson (later distinguished as com-poser and musicologist).

After a summer of indecision, and partly influenced by Robert Jones, Platt opted for medicine rather than music. He entered medical school at the Victoria University, Manchester, and in the absence of previous scientific training had great difficulty with physics and chemistry.

His undergraduate career was outstanding. He qualified MB, ChB in 1909 and also took the London MB, BS with honours and gold medal. There followed the London MS in 1911 and the FRCS England in 1912. A thesis on peripheral nerve injuries socured him an MD, Manchester, in 1921.

His early postgraduate training was at Manchester Royal Infirmary with Sir William Thorburn. He also taught in the Manchester anatomy department under Sir Grafton Elliott Smith. His orthopaedic training was in London and Boston, Mass, where he worked with Drs Elliott Brackett and R. B. Osgood, and also watched the neurosurgeon, Harvey Cushing.

While in Boston he read voraciously the English, the city, which he came to regard as his second home.

Manchester, where he orga-nized the first segregated fracture department in Great

war he enrolled in the RAMC as a captain, and was appointed surgeon-in-charge of a military orthopaedic centre in Manchester.

There he acquired his considerable experience of peripheral nerve mjuries and carried out special studies in bone grafting. Yet he later described himself as a contemplative man, more of a physician, and "not naturally a great craftsman"

He cherished and fostered many other institutions, such as the Ethel Hadley Hospital, Windermere, and the Lancashire County Council Children's Hospital at Biddalph Grange,

In 1920 he was appointed consulting orthopaedie surgeon to Lancashire County Council and surgical director of the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry. In 1932 he became appointed orthopaedic sur-geon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, where, in 1939, he was chosen as its first profes-

sor of the subject. All of these posts he held until his retirement in 1951, when he was elected emeritus professor. He served on the board of governors of the Manchester Royal Infirmary from 1948 to 1963.

He later claimed to have woo the Ashes for England in 1932. In that year he was called to Old Trafford to examine Harold Larwood, who was having trouble with one of his knees. Though advising a period of rest, he pronounced Larwood fit for the ootorious "bodyline" tour of Australia

During the Secood World War he was consultant adviser in orthopaedic surgery to the Emergency Medical Service. and after the war he was an active member of innumerable government committees and other public bodies, both

national and international. He was elected to the council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1940, and served oo it for 18 years, being president from 1954 to 1957; He was knighted in 1948 and, as was customary at the time, received a baronetcy in his third year as PRCS.

He became a patroo of the Royal College of Surgeons on completion of his presidency, and honorary fellow of the Faculty of Dental Surgery in 1963. In 1971 he was appointed a Knight of the Order of St

Throughout his life he contributed profusely but selectively to surgical literature. He received honorary degrees from the universities of Berne, Manchester, Liverpool, Bel-fast, Leeds, and Paris, honorthe musical and operatic life of colleges of America, Canada, South Africa, Australasia, and Returning to England in membership of the orthopae-1914, he was appointed sur- dic associations of practically geon to Ancoats Hospital, all the countries of the western

world.

When war broke ont in 1914 he later became president (1934-5) and honorary fellow. He was also a founder memher of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (1929) and president (1948-53); president of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges

(1958-66); and then honorary president from 1970. He was a founder member of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland in 1919, and was president of the Royal Society of Medicine

(1931-32). Apart from his strictly surgical commitments, he gave service to innumerable bodies related to the National Health Service: the Spens committee on consultants' remuneration, the Central Health Services Council. Merit Awards Committee, Standing Tuberculosis Advisory Committee, and the committees on the Welfare of Children io Hospital and on Accident and Emergency Services, being chairman of the

last three. He also presided over the Central Council for the Disabled from 1969 until his

death. As a man, he displayed formidable energy and drive, both physical and mental, despite a much shortened leg supported by an appliance. lo early years he had a rather shy nature, allied to considerable iotellectual arrogance, which made it difficult for many folk

to get to know him well.
Privately, it was his firm belief that a committee of one was the quickest way to get things done. Those who got to know him well became more oumerous as increasing age brought greater tolerance, and many were amused and enlightened by his astringent — often acidulous — comments on colleagues and the world at

His qualities of mind and heart, his organizing ability, and his farseeing, philosophical outlook more than compensated for any abruptness of

He had a prodigions memory, even as he approached his century. Only a short time ago, he gave a five-hour interview to a reporter from the British Medical Journal, in which he displayed a quite astonishing recollection of names and

events from the past. His bundredth birthday brought together surgeons from many countries and every continent Af a dinner in Manchester University on October 7 this year he insisted, though seated in a wheelchair, on receiving and shaking hands with the whole

company of 338. After presentations had dic journals. He also savoured ary fellowships of the surgical rose to his feet and rounded off the evening with a twentyfive minute speech, delivered Denmark; and honorary in a firm voice and without notes. This was, of course, greeted with a standing ova-

> In 1917 be married Ger-He was a founder member trude Sarah Turney. She died of the British Orthopaedic in 1980, but he is survived by Association in 1916, of which his son and four daughters.

THE REV PROFESSOR GORDON RUPP

The Rev Professor Gordon Rupp, DD, FBA, died on December 19. He was 76. A Church historian of marked originality, whose most important works were on the subject of Luther, he was also a powerful exponent of Christianity through the

spoken word. Ernest Gordon Rupp was born oo January 7, 1910, and educated at Owen's School, Islington. He went into business with furniture dealers and a bank, and became a Methodist local preacher. Then he went to King's

College, London, to study history under. Dr Norman Sykes. After graduating there, he trained for the Methodist ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge, with a subsequent year at Strasbourg and Basic. Returning to England in 1937 he spent a year in a roving ministry among Methodist students, and eight years in the Methodist circuit at

In 1945 he broke upon the world with a pamphlet demolishing a writer who had suggested that Luther was responsible for Hitler because responsible for the German cult of the State. The pamphlet was brilliant and funny. It also disclosed a wide and original acquaintance with Luther's works.

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It so impressed scholars that Rupp was soon invited to deliver the Birkbeck lectures at Cambridge. These lectures held large audiences spell-bound, and were the ouclens of his main work on Luther, published later as The Righleousness of God (1953).
It was clear that his career

should be in the study of church history, and so it was. He taught at the Methodist College at Richmond (1947-52); at Cambridge as lecturer sense of it. (1952-56); as professor of church history at Manchester (1956-67); and again at Cam-

(1947); Luther's Progress to the Diet of Worms (1951); inwardness was what some Makers of English Religion (1957); the account of Luther in the New Cambridge

Medical Progress to much of ecclesiastical rules; inwardness was what mattered.

Never was a Nonconformist more Catholic in the best Modern History (1958), The Old Reformation and the New (1967); Patterns of Reforma-tion (1969), in which he

Reformation; Just Men (1977) and Thomas More (1978). He also edited the new history of Methodism. But above all, to Rupp more than any other anthor is due the revival of Luther studies in

moved away from Luther into

the Anabaptists and radical

England. Yet those who only read his books, good though they are, will have oo idea of the man's quality. His historical writing was such that his personality shone through, and the touch was so light that it hid the

But he was also an extraordinarily moving orator. This was not because of structure; his lectures or sermons were less like Palladian buildings than displays of sparkling rockets fired off into the sky. The spoken word scintillated with epigrams and wise-cracks. His voice was husky, his stanne diminutive, his delivery rapid. Underneath

the fun he communicated a feeling for the marvellousness of ordinary things; a convic-tion that the search for God was a wild adventure and yet the most exacting quest known to man; a religious optimism about the world and our times.

He preferred protesting teenagers to the bureaucrats trying to cope. He had more faith in students than in dons. But he was not a man for discos; he liked stillness, and under the tumble of his own words somehow conveyed a · All life was fresh to him. His

was one of the most enchanting apprehensions of Christianity in any mind of our age. fellow of Emmanuel College Apart from his account for the manual forms of the manual for the manual forms of the man

more Catholic in the best sense. It pleased him to be invited by Anglicans to lecture oo an Archbishop of Canterbury, by Roman Catholics to lecture on a cardinal, by Presbyterians to lecture on

John Knox. Sometimes the historian in him seemed to understand the Church of England better than did some Anglicans. He admired Bishop George Bell. and was ooe of a small group led by him to re-establish relations with the German

Lutherans after the war. He was one of the Protes tant observers at the Second Vatican Couocil, and in 1969-69 was President of the Metaadist Conference.

Latterly he was an honorary fellow of Emmanuel and professor emeritus at Cambrige. He was also an honorary fellow of Fitzwilliam College. Cambridge, and of King's College, London. He held honorary doctorates from Ab-erdeen, Manchester and Paris. In 1938 he married Marjorie Hibbard who, with their son, survives him.

SIR EDWARD YOUDE

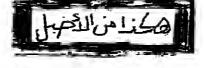
Mr Leonard Rayner writes:

The genuine displays of grief from all sections of Hong Kong society at the funeral of the Governor, Sir Edward Youde, must be unique in British colonial history.

In over 40 years' experience of colonial administrators around Asia I cannot recall one who so completely won the trust and affection of his

The Foreign and Common wealth Office is often the butt of media humour and the scapegoat of Whitehall, but the appointment of Sir Edward in 1981 proved an uoqualified success.

He contributed much to the excellent state of Sino-British relations and gave the people The fruit of these academic cathedrals and crowds, but of Hong Kong confidence to posts included Studies in the loved upper rooms and little face the transfer of sovereignty with English Protestant Tradition groups. He did not think in 1997.



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#25HOP - On December 17th, at West-minster Hospital, to Cecilia (nee Scott) and Steven, twin sons, Christo-pher Frederick Wear and Officer Jamic Scott.

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PRONKIN - On December 15th at Queen
Charlotte's Hospital, to Amanda (nee
Capewell) and John, twin sons
Henry and George.

CARVILLE - On December 7th 1986.

at St Mary's, Paddington, to Maggie
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EVAMS - On December 13th, at Riverview in Redbank, New Jersey to Caristine (née Turner) and David, a daughter, Holly Etizabeth.

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Antonia (née Fraser) and Richard. a
daughter. Samantha.

LEGGE - On Sunday 14th December
1986. to Victoria (née Otisey) and fispert. a son. Edward Peregrine.

POSTANS - On December 12th at
Kingston Hospital. Maternity Unit. to
Graham and Polity (Née Rumboid) a
son William John Richard. SCOTT - On December 19th at St Thomas's Hospital, to Mocie and Dominic, a daughter.

STEVENS - On December 17th, at Farnborough hospital. Kent, to Jenny mee Sauter) and Bob, a son, Grant Nicholas. STUBBS - On December 14th, to Ange-la (née Wright) and Philip, a daughler, Charlotte Joanna.

MARRIAGES

WILLIAMSON:CORLEY, On Saturday December 20th. Richard is Penny.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

WEALE:WITTS - On 21st De 1946 at Christchurch Priory. Ton and Kay of 65 Rhos Hendre Waunfawr, Aberystwyth,

DEATHS

a BROOK - On December 19th, in Newmarket Hospital after a short ill-ness. Violet Amb (Tony), widow of Dr Donald a Brook. Funeral 5.00 pm Tuesday 23rd December al Cam-bridge Committee

BECKFORD - On Friday December 19th 1986, peacefully at The Mount, Waigrave, Berkshire, Alfred James. aged 92 years, flate barber of Walgrave). Funeral private, memorial service at Saint Mary's Church, Waigrave, at 5pm Friday 16th January 1987. No flowers or letters of please, but donations II desired to The Royal British Legion, Waigrave Branch, Herons Creek, Station Road, Waigrave.

BLACK · On Decriber 18th, suddenly, Kennetti, Dearly loved and sadiy missed. Funeral details to be arranged.

Pilgrims

bound for

London

By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs

BREAKELL - On December 17th, peacefully at home, Mary Princilla, most dearly loved wife, mother, and stepmother. Funeral service of Tuesday, December 30th, at St Mary's, Lawford, at 12 noon, Flowers may be sent to W.H.Shephard, 93, High Sirect, Colchester.

SHOWN - On December 16th 1986, suddenly but very pencetally, at home, kerneth P., and 6s years, beloved husband of Edna, father of Martin and Niget and brother of Nerma. Funeral service on Tuesday Docember 28rd at 2.300m at Perry Barr Cremetorium. Family flowers only. Docalions to The Administrator. Burminghum Eye Hooptiel. Church S. Birminghum. Eye Hooptiel. Church S. Birminghum.
CNURCH - On December 19th. December 19th of Docaling M home. Catherine Cacly (Biddy) widow of Captain Douglas Church Funeral at Golders Groen Crematorium 4.00 pm Tuesday 25rd December. OWN - On Droember 16th 1986

COSTON - On December 18th 1986, Newton Balfour, aged 79, loved has-band of Peggy and twin brother of Audrey Oxford, Late manager of Lloyds Bank, Devizet, With Service and cremation at Salistary, With on December 29th at 10.50cm, No flowers, doubtions if desired to Cancer Research.

FAITOM On December 17th sudden-by but peacefully at home. Peter Neilo Secondo. Deoply loved by his family, husband to Maccie and father and dearest friend to his son Barry. The beauty of his paintings were matched only by the warrish and generosity of his spirit.

generosity of his spirit.

GARDNER: On December 18th to hospital after a long litness, which he bore with great courses and good humour. Charles aged 82. Deloved husband of Beryl and deur father of David and Salty and grandfelber of Jonathan. Tolay. Richard, Bruno and Joanna. Funeral service on Tuesday December 50th of 2.00pm at 51 Sax lour's Church, Destinouth, in be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Dartmouth Hospital where he was nursed with such loving care.

KNIGHT - On December 18th 1996, to hospital, Doris, aged 79 years. Wife of the inde Samuel Arthur Knight and mother of Paul, Julia and Mark. Liebberl C. Paul, June and Mark.
Liebberl C. On December 19th 1996.
Suddenly in Northamberland, James Cuithbert aged 73 years of Lane End.
St. Ippolys. Hitchin. Dearly loved husband of Shella (Curile) Lindsell and much loved father of July.
Tony. Lebby and Philip and beloved grandiather of Angels, Michael, Jo.
Laura and Julia. Cremation family only at Newcastle on December 23rd. Memorial service & St. lopolyts to be announced later.

LLOYD-LEWIS - On 18th December 1986, suddenly. Howard, beloved husband of Janle, faither of Maithew. Thomas and George and the dearly loved only som of Mair Lloyd, Funeral service at Afrincham Cremutarium on Tuesday 23rd December (Tomorrow) at 9.30 am. Family flowers only please, but if destred donations for Wythenfanwe Hospital Cardiac Transplant Fundmay be lorwarded to A.B Brookes And Sons Ltd. 70 Batrington Road, Altrincham. Tel: 061 928 2000.

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MARTIN - On December 18th, peacefully at home, after a short times, Etic James, aged 82 years, heloved husband of Joan, hoving father of Jonathan and Lizanne. Funeral service at hyswich Crematorium, North Chapel, on Tuesday December 23rd at 11.30am. No flowers, but donations if desired for All Saints Church, Holbrook Fabric Fund, hpswich, rony be sent c/o Singleton and Hasting Funeral Services. 21, Berners Street, hpswich.

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Ber or Petrange and Journal Farrity Rowers only please. Dona-jition if desired to the Marie Curie Foundation. Denatops care of and all enquiries to Pinnes Funeral Services. Charters. Mary Read. Guildford. 0483 67394

RIPP - On Friday. December 19th, at his home in Cambridge. E. Cordon Rusp aged 76 Years. Husband of Mariorie and faither of Martin, Funeral service at Wesley Church, King Street, Carabridge on Westnesday December 24th at 1.45 pm followed by interment at Carabridge GDV Camberry. Family flowers only, but I desired donations to The Methodist Homes for the Aged, c/o Reversed P. Rigby. Wesley Manue, Christa Pieces, Carabridge.

SHARP - On 17th December, peacefully. John Beasley Sharp. Thanksgiving service at St George's. Hurstylerpoint at 11.50am on Wednesday 24th December. Donations to Torch Trust for the Blind or St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley.

SUMBERS - on December 19th, at The Retroat, York, Margaret aged 70 years, dearly loved wife of George and mother of Alesour. Margaret, Alison. Peter and Ian and a loving grandmother. Funeral service and cremation at York Crematorium. Tuesday December 23rd at 4.00om Family flowers only please. Donations to your preferred Charity. Letters to 82 Chipton Rd. York.

TUCKER - On December 18th 1986 studdenly at his hone Butharn House. Tauston, Arthur Regniald Tucker aged 84. A dear brother under at his request.

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IGPPER - On December 18th 1986
peacofully in San Diego. California
after a long illness. Fred Tupper aged
75. former Public Relations Officer.
Pan American Airways, Europe Division, Mourned by his loving wife
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MEMORIAL SERVICES

SPURGIN, Frances Clare - Biockley Church, 10th January 1987 at 1.30 pm. Friends welcome.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

22nd 1980. Dearest love always. B. SEFFREYS: In toving memory of Robin. Captain D.S.C. Royal Navy. who died November 1965 and of John. killed 1943. Also of Edmund on this his birthday, D.P.C., R.A.F. Coastal Command. Killed flying 1944.

MEMBEAY: Christina: Died Dec 22nd. 1946. In constant memory. The roofs, that heard our earliest Cry. will shelter one of a stranger 1802. WHEEL: Wilrid John. M.A. (Cantab). L.M.S.S.A., born 22nd December 1930, thed 8th May 1986. after a normal day to the surgery. Tressured memories, Dad.

letter about A-bomb

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Einstein, the great physicist, to President Roosevelt About 19,000 young men and women from all over Europe are expected to cross the Channel bound for London, just after Christmas, to take part in a fiveday religious event.
To handle what the organizers

claim as the largest mass cross-ing since Dunkirk, some ferry companies will be putting on extra ships.

The focus of the week will be daily prayer services ia London's three most important church buildings, Westminster Abbey. St Paul's, and West-minster Roman Catholic Cathe-

dral, starting on December 29. The Methodist "Cathedral", Westminster Central Hall, will Hiroshima. also be used for special events.

The event is held in a European city very year by members of the Taize Community is Northern France, a unique interdenominational centre of pilgrimage with a wide inter-

national youth following.
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, will address the young people in St Paul's on December 30, and Cardinal Basii Hume in West-minster Cathedral on Jao 1. both events in the evening. Several thousand British

young people are also expected to take part. Five years ago, when the Taize Community held a similar but slightly smaller event in London at the same time of year, the thousands who look part had the deserted centre of London virtually to themselves.

Although the monks of Taize are anxious not to be seen as starting a new youth movement. and insist on respecting de-nominational allegiances, their style appeals strongly to youth-ful impatience with the distinity of the churches, and equally to the search for a deeper spirituality than is supplied by ordinary church life. Nevertheless the mood of the annual Taize meetiogs is usually low-key and

Sale room **\$220,000** for Einstein

A two-page letter from Albert John Eliot's Indian transla-

explaining the theoretical possibility of making an atomic bomb was sold for \$220,000 (estimate \$60,000 to \$80,000), or £151,724, at Christie's in New York on Friday.

It is the highest auction price paid for a 20th-century letter. The purchaser was Makolm Forbes, proprietor of Forbes Magazine who has a collection of presidential memorabilia as well as owning the log of the US pilot who dropped the bomb on

Einstein wrote to the President in 1939 at the request of the physicist, Leo Szilard. He signed two versions, a long and

a short one, leaving it to Szilard to decide which was the most suitable to send. Szilard sent the longer ver-sion and retained the other. It was the latter that Christie's had for sale.

The secret development of the atomic bomb in the United States was the direct result of that letter. After seeing at Hiroshima the horrific vindication of his 1905 formula, E = mc2, Einstein began to regret having sent the letter. Later in life he confided to Linus Panting: "I made one great mistake in my life -

when I signed the letter to President Roosevelt recommeading that atom Christie's sale also set a new auction price record for an American book when the 1663 translation of the Bible into Algonquian Indian sold for \$220,000 (estimate \$50,000 to

tion of the Bible was the first Bible printed in America. The undertaking was commis-sioned by the "Corporation in England for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians in New England".

The copy offered for sale was one of 20 sent back to England and morocco-bound for presentation. It is believed to have belonged to Henry Ashurst, secretary to the corporation.

The file contained a number of other curiosities. The 19page manuscript of a Sherlock Holmes story called The Adventure of the Mazaria Stone made \$49,500 (estimate \$20,000 to \$25,000).

The two-page working manascript of a largely unpublished poem by Byron venomously attacking his wife, "The Bitch patronising the Charity Ball", sold for \$24,200 (estimate \$4,000 to \$6,000). \$6.000).

A two-and-a-half-page love letter from Nelson to Emma Hamilton, incorporating the account of an erotic dream, secured \$18,700 (estimate \$3,500 to \$4,500).

"In one of my dreams I thought I was at a large table, yon was (sic) not present, sitting between a Princess who I detest and another. They both tried to seduce me and the first wanted to take those liberties with me which no woman in this world but yourself ever did, the con-sequence was I knocked her down, and in the moment of bustle you came in and taking me to your embrace wispered (sic) I love nothing but you by \$220,000 (estimate \$50,000 to Nelson. I kissed you fervently \$70,000) to a New York and we enjoyed the height of leve."

Science report

Psychology aid for cancer patients

The idea of using psychological preparation to help people who have to undergo surgery is a fairly recent phenomenon approximation. importance has been recognized, particularly among women who have to undergo mastectomy. Indeed, when a surgeon wrote in the 1970s that individuals who underwent the operation were like birds with broken wings, be was making the point that surgical skills were not enough. There also had to be effective psychological support.

Since then, both surgery and psychology have made useful advances. Much disfigurement can be avoided by both reconstructive surgery after mastectomy or by immpectomy removal of the tumour plus radiot berapy.

in the surgical aspect, experience indicates that both treatments produce similar results in early breast cancer and there is no consensus among surgeons which is the best treatment.
At centres where progress is

being made on the emotional side, very successful work is side, very successful work is being carried out by clinical psychologists and surgeous nt the Royal Liverpool Hospital, funded by the Cancer Research Campaign. The psychological prepara-

tion for such surgery involves extensive testing by ques-tionnaire and interview, known as informal decision analysis. as intormal decision analysis.
Dr Glynn Owens and Dr
Jennifer Ashcroft, psychologists, are working with Mr Sam
Leinster, consultant surgeon,
and their most recent study involves 43 women who received either of the two treatments. The psychological tests measured anxiety and depression, self-esteem, satisfaction with body, marital adjustment and the fre-quency and severity of life events in the year before the tests.

They were administered be-

fore surgery and at three months

and one year afterwards. In addition, details were collected about life after the operation.

all others. "deciding not to decide", as Dr Owens puts it.

helping patients to make de-cisions where options existed." What the team found was that where the patient was offered the choice, she was often de-

there was no choice, since medical considerations overrode Not all women required de tailed help in making n decision, some asking the surgeon to make the decision for them —

"Clearly, allowing a patient to choose her own treatment is important if psychological adaptation is to occur", said Dr Owens, whose findings are to be published in the Journal of Psychosocial Oncology.

"The value of psychologists helping to prepare patients for surgery is fairly well established," Dr Owens said, "but we discovered there was not much in the literature about us helping noticents to make de-

lighted to have help from a psychologist. For some patients, however,

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By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

the current thinking of mili-tary experts oo the defence of Central Europe in the event of a Soviet attack are still missing six months after being stolen, the Ministry of De-

fence confirmed yesterday. But officials would not be drawn oo fears that the papers may have ended up in the hands of the Russians. It was hoped rather that they had been stolen by a thief who had not realised their sensitivity who theo destroyed them.

The documents were left behind on a traio by a senior Army officer after he fell asleep. The incident happened io July but details have only just been disclosed following the court martial last week of the officer involved. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Faith.

It is the second embarrassing incident iovolving lost confidential documents this year. Earlier 8 Royal Navy captain lost papers on a towpath oear Reading.

Details of the theft involving Colonel Faith emerged at his court martial at Bulford Army camp in Wiltshire when he pleaded guilty to failing to take "reasonable care" of the documents, four marked "secret" and another "confiden-

He was given a severe reprimand and the court martial was told that he would have been promoted to full colooel by now but for the incident. The sentence is subject to confirmation. The missing documents

included: Details of counter-offensive operations in the Central Region 1995-2010 dated Juoe 20, 1986 and classified secret. A memo from the Chief of General Staff, General Sir caller.

Secret documents outlining Nigel Bagnall, 10 Assistant Chief of General Staff covering document D/R Army Plans 17/4/F dated June 2 1986 with comments by CGS and classified secret.

> Details of counter-offen sive operations for the Central Region entitled "Sub-Con-cept" and classifed confiden-

Last night the Ministry of Defence refused to discuss the details of the documents. However they were understood not to contain detailed military planning but to be "conceptual papers" outlining a range of possible options to counter any Soviet offensive io the key Central Region.

The papers disappeared, the court martial was told, on Friday July 11 as Colonel Faith, then a tank expert working on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Defence Staff at the MOD travelled by train from Londoo to spend a weekend with his family in East Sussex.

In the carriage Colonel Faith, who said in an alleged statement that he had a "tiring week", fell asleep. When he woke suddenly he grahbed his own hriefcase and coar and left the train at his station, forgetting a second case cootaining the secret documents.

It was not until later that evening when an unidentified woman telephoned him at bome to ask if the papers had any value or if there was any reward for their return that he realised what had happened.

The briefcase was later found by a British Rail cleaoer, with the papers missing. There has been no further contact from the mystery

Dissident to speak out

remark referred to hopes in sinki human rights the Kremlin that Dr Sakha- monitoring group, told westrov, one of the ioventors of ern newsmen that his wife, the Soviet hydrogen bomb, Ina, aged 53, who is suffering from a severe cancer in her in favour of some of the neck has been given perdisarmament iniliatives mission to travel abroad to launched by Mr Gorbachov. mission to travel abroad to seek medical help.

Evidence of a change in the Kremlin's approach to dissenters also came with confirmation that two other well-known figures have had earlier decisions against them reversed to the wake of the decision to free Dr Sakharov.

Dr Naum Meiman, a mem-It is understood that this ber of the now defunct Hel-

The dissident released after serving some 12 years in prison and a labour camp was Mr Mustafa Dzemilyov, aged 43, a leading campaigner for the Tartars who want to return

Kremlin moves, page 7 24 years.





The RAF flies in with the last Christmas hamper to be delivered to the Skerries lighthouse, which is soon to be automated (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Christmas will be a festive farewell on The Skerries lighthouse this

When the three Trinity House keepers sit down to their turkey, pudding and o celebratory tot of whisky, it will be the 272nd and the last Christmas to be celebrated on the rock nine miles north of Holyhead.

The light, which serves all shipping from Liverpool and Holyhead, will be actomated in February and controlled remotely from Holyhead.

The modernisation also. signals the end of a more recent tradition linking the lighthouse with the search and rescue helicopter base at RAF Valley, near Holyhead.

Group Captain lan Dick, station commander, presented the lighthousemen, Mr Ivor Pritchard, Principal Keeper and his assistants Mr Dave Flintstone and Mr Barry Hawkins, with their Christmas hamper, given to The Skerries for the past

Wright family insists he told the truth

Continued from page 1

may have forged the docu-ment to discredit him. He said there should be a proper inquiry ioto the matter and his demands have been supported by the Labour leadr, Mr Neil Kinnock

Downing Street yesterday poured cold water over the received calls for an inquiry. Sources said that the Prime Minister had made it clear that she was not interested in setting up an inquiry into allegations made by Mr Wright about plots to nuder-

mine the Wilsoo governmeor. In an attempt to bypass Mrs Thatcher, the Labour MP Mr Tam Dalyell, a close friend of Lord Glenamara, has written to the seven members of the Security Commission, appealing to them to set up a special tribunal to investigate anti-Wilson government plots.

In a long letter to Lord Griffiths, the chairman, and

In the short days, birds start cating early, and the winter sky at dawn is full of birds returning

from their roosts to their feeding

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successive waves, these break up into small flocks over a wide area. After feeding, they whistle and sing in a desultory way in the tree tops.

Gulls returning from roost are also a great and right in the

also a spectacular sight in the half-light before sun rise. They sweep into the fields in large parties and rapidly begin search-

ing for the best supply of worms and insects. Inland, they roost mainly on reservoirs. The black-

headed gull is the most abundant species in the south, and the common gull in the north. The lesser black-backed gull,

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unusual step since it is only discover to their horror that the Prime Minister of the day the crime against Mr Short who requests the commission to inquire into any security

But he appealed to them to breaking into offices involved convert the Commission into tribunal under the 1921 examine the whole of MI5's activities during the last period of the Wilson government and in particular the case of Lord Glenamara.

Mr Dalvell said he had written to Lord Griffiths with the approval of Mr Kinnock. Mr Dalyell said: "Can it really be that the Deputy Prime Minister of our country, a man hitherto of unquestioned integrity, was set up by a government agency with a view to the destruction of his public life and the

consequent destabilizing of our duly elected government? "And why did the Scotland Yard commander and his colleagues who had been acthe other members, Mr tive in the case suddenly drop Dalyell agreed that it was an it like hot bricks? Did they

had been perpetrated by those working for the British state? Was housebreaking or

and, if so, does such an invasion of privacy, to put it Tribunals Act, in order to mildly take place with ministeriai ambority' Mr Dalvell said the forgery case had wrecked Mr Short.

"It was hell for him, it was a wicked thing to do," he said. Despite his intervention on Lord Glenamara's behalf, there seems little chance of the Security Commission taking

any action off its own back One possible setback for Mrs Thatcher yesterday was the suggestion that the director-general of MI5, Sir Antony Duff, who was appointed by Mrs Thatcher, is likely to retire next year. He was brought out of retirement to head MIS because Mrs Thatcher was anxious to have someone she knew well and

plots and alleged skuldugger apparently raised by Mr Wright in his book. Spycatcher, which the Government is tring to ban, two Conservative politicians have been named as those who are suspected of having knowledge about plots against the Wilson

government. The two, Mr Wioston Churchill and the former MP Sir Stephen Hastings, "had ab-solutely nothing to do with the plots", according to Mr Chapman Pincher, who yesterday dismissed reports about them as "complete rubbish".

Mountain fall man is named

A man who fell 500ft to his death while walking in Soowdonia, north Wales on Saturday was named ves-terday as Mr Alan Seel, aged 43, of Sandbach Road, Alsager, near Stoke-on-Trent. Police were alerted by Mr trusted in that sensitive post. Seel's relatives after he failed In yet another case of past to contact them.

will be icy roads and in eastern areas snow showers. Central southern and south

west England, South Wales, Northern Ireland and north west Scotland will be dry

and fairly sunny. London, the Midlands, NW England, N Wales, the Isle of Man

and SW Scotland will have a lot of dry quite sunny weather but there may be a sleet or snow shower here and there. The Channnel Islands too will have some sunshine

but a few rain showers. E England from Kent northwards, E Scotland and the Northern Isles will have some sunshine but there will sleet or snow showers with a

covering in places especially on hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Stay-

ing cold. Many places dry and bright but more snow showers in E districts.

claims Chad

N'diamena (AP) - Forces loyal to the Chad Governmen! have launched a counteroffensive against Libranbacked fighters in the northern Tibesti region, killing 400 Libyans, capturing 17 tanks, and taking a besieged town, Chad Radio said yesterday.

Fighting continued around Wour and Zouar, in the western area of Tibesti, while at Bardai, in the centre. The enemy turned back in catastrophe" after heavy losses of men and equipment.

The counter-offensive is in response to a new Libyan land and air attack on Saturday morning in the mountainous region. which has been occuped by Libya since 1983.

Libyan soldiers and Chad rebels led by Sheikh ibn Omar are pitted against forces loyal to Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former rebel leader whese troops turned against Libya ate in October and joined the Government.

Western intelligence sources confirmed that the Libyans suffered a severe setback in an all-out attack Saturday on Goukouni's forces holding Bardai.

Libya's Jana news agency said that Chad Government troops, aided by France and the United States, had crossed the 16th parallel which divides the Libyan-occupied north from the government-con-trolled south to join Mr Goukouni's forces.

Mr Goukouni is under house arrest in Tripoli.

 US supplies: A shipment of medical supplies, vehicles, traosport planes and light arms left the US for Chad vesterday, the second big delivery of American supplies to leave in three weeks.

■ LONDON: Libya denied involvement in fighting in Chad hut said it would not stand idle in the face of any threats aimed at its security, the official Libvan news agency Jana reported (Reuter reports).



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The Midlands: A1: Lane closures west of St Neots at Eaton
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between Birmingham and War-

The North: A19: Lane restric-

tions, delays at Sunderland Wales and the West: A30: Two sets of roadworks between Bodmin and Bolventor - contraflow and lights. A55: Single line between Llanfairfechan and Scotland: A82: Single line

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Anniversaries

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The pound



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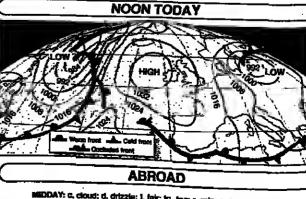
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Our address





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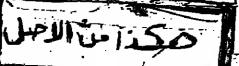
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turing industry have fallen to 4.6 per cent — the lowest for a decade — the Confederation of

These latest results from the

CBI's data bank on pay give

some Christmas cheer for the Government and indicate that

the employers' leaders cam-

paign against high pay settle-

ments may be succeeding.

The CBI said the 4.6 per cent average for the fourth quarter of this year marked a continuation of the propounced downward move

nounced downward move-

ment in settlements that began

in the third quarter, when the

average was 5.6 per cent. It

compares with 6.1 per cent for

the first two quarters of the

that improvements to

Britain's poor international

labour-cost competitiveness is

Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI

refusal to abide by the produc-

tion cutbacks agreed by min-isters of the Organization of

Petroleum Exporting

Twelve of the 13 Opec states

have accepted a 7.25 per cent

reduction in overall produc-tion to 15.8 million barrels a

day in the first half of 1987,

and they have agreed to return to a fixed price system based

Mr Mchdi Varzi, Opec watcher at Kleinwort

Grieveson, the broker, said yesterday: "We are going into

a very quiet season so a very

few deals can have a dramatic effect." He annicipated that the North Sca Brent blend would stabilize at \$17 a barrel

and West Texas Intermediate

He added: "The real test

will be in the first 10 or 15

days in the new year. That is

when the market may be quite

Oil prices have strength-

ened over the past two weeks in anticipation of an Opec kuwait accord, with one cargo of Brent for delivery in February Catar

traded at \$16.90 on Friday.

Mr Humphrey Harrison, oil
analyst at County Securities,

Countries,

on \$18 a barrel.

at \$18 a barrel.

volatile."

Analysis

reduce unemployment.

The CBI has maintained

British Industry said today.

Lowest settlements for a decade

Wage rises fall to 4.6%

Wage rises for manufac- director general, said: "While this trend to continue. Infla-

pick-up in the economy, these much lower figures for basic

pay settlements do suggest that at last we may be moving in the right direction. "There is every reason for

Manufacturing

1982-85 averages

Two more bright spots for the Government

The fixed price system will

be phased during January, and

by February 1 members must stop offering attractive

for a basket of Opec crudes, and it would mean a rise to

more than \$19 a barrel for

Under the accord, no mem-

expensive Opec crudes.

netback deals

country.

Firmer oil prices

expected today

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Oil prices are likely to be the broker, said: "We will see

firmer today despite Iraq's \$18 early next week."

pay settlement

average earnings are continu- tion remains, and will remain,

ing to run at rather higher at low levels, and improving

levels, reflecting in part the our cost competitiveness is the

surest route to more secure

The latest survey covers 80

pay settlements across dif-ferent industries and regions

and shows wide variation. The

4.5 to 5.5 per cent band accounted for 36.6 per cent of

wage rises since August t. A further 21.6 per cent were in

the 5.5 to 6.5 per cent range.

But, at the lower end, 17.3 per

cent were between 3.5 and 4.5

per cent, and almost 10 per cent of settlements were for

Today's level is a far cry

from the to per cent pay rises negotiated in the first half of

1980 and almost half ofthe

rates won in early 1981. For

the past two-and-a-half years,

to this summer, wage rises stood stubbornly at the 6-7 per

'Rosier'

outlook

for trade

By Our Economics Correspondent

Britain's balance of pay-

ments will edge narrowly into

deficit next year, according to

eliminated in 1988. Wood Mackenzie's forecast,

rivals. The current account

lion, before returning to a £100 million surplus in 1988.

This is based on strong net

year and £1 t.6 billion in 198g.

New quota

The price of \$18 a barrel is broker. But the deficit will be

more than \$19 a barrel for contained in UK Economic North Sea blends which are Outlook 1987 and 1988, is

equivalent to the lighter, more much rosier than most of its

Qassem Ahmed Taqi, con-million next year, below the

firmed yesterday that the pact Treasury forecast of £1.5 bil-

ber is bound by its provisions invisible earnings, predicted if any other state exceeds its to rise to £10.3 billion next

NEW OPEC OUTPUT QUOTAS

(Thousands of barrels per day)

The Iraqi oil minister, Mr deficit is restricted to £500

less than 2.5 per cent.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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(Change on week) US Dollar 1.4325 (+0.0040) W German mark 2.8729 (-0.0084) Trade-weighted 68.6 (-0.1)

DTI stays silent on insider inquiry

By Colin Narborough The Department of Trade and industry continued to stonewall yesterday about the progress and origins of the unprecedented investigation the one way to win more export husiness and help to now underway into alleged leaks of market-moving information by some civil

This is despite a growing belief that the investigations will be completed soon as the Government has a good idea who the culprit or culprits are. A DTI spokesman declined

to comment on weekend speculation that leaks of highly confidential information on merger bids could be traced to a single source within the DTL

Mr Paul Channon, Sec-retary of State for Trade and Industry, announced last Thursday that he had appointed two outside investigators to look into insider dealing allegations involving officials of the DTI, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

This was after insider dealing revelations in the City and on Well Storet and her been

on Wall Street and bas been widely seen as a sign of the Government's determination

The investigators are bound by statutory duty not to disclose details of their investigations, believed to focus on certain sections of the DTI

A DTI spokesman said that he had no information to suggest that anyone had been suspended or dismissed in conjunction with the investigation. "If we are investigating people in the DTI, we would have to look at all the evidence." he said, suggesting that suspect civil servants could still be at work.

"Basically, we can say nothing about the investigation," he said, sticking to the line Whitehall has taken since the embarrassing investigation was announced as Parliament hroke up for Christmas

Engineers yes to aircraft

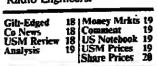
Two more of the professional engineering institutions are to merge after approval by a hig majority of members of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the smaller Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers

and Technologists.

The Royal Aeronautical Society, formed in 1866, is the oldest aerospace body of its

names of the two societies will be amalgamated.
It is the second projected

merger within seven days of leading professional engineering bodies. The others were the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the smaller Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers.



RESULTS

TODAY - Interims: Amalgamated Financial Investments, Batleys, Dominion International, G M Firth Holdings, Porter Chadburn, Radiant Metal. Finals: Nash

Industries. TOMORROW - Interims: Anchor International Fund, Bermuda International Bond Fund (2nd quarter), Berisfords Group, Forminster, A Monk, Prontaprint Holdings, Sterling Industries. Finals: none announced WEDNESDAY - Interiors:

announced.

married couples. Ninety nine per cent of small com-panies in England and Wales fall into the category of small private companies, although the 0.5 per cent with public none announced. Finals: none limited company status account for

shareholders.

End ritual meetings, says IoD By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor about two-thirds of the gross national product, the lustitute said. Its proposals have gone to Mr Michael Howard, minister for company affairs, for pos-

Call to scrap Companies Act formalities

sible incorporation in the Companies Bill, which is likely to figure in the next session of Parliament. The Institute's proposals were developed by a working party which included leading figures who are members of the

Law Society, the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA) of England and Wales and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA).

An adviser to the group was Dr Len Sealy, of Caius College, Cambridge, who is a specialist in company law. Among those on the working party was Mr Peter Holland, chairman of the Law Society's common law committee.

wholly-owned subsidiaries of a larger The main safeguard is that opting out

of meetings would need to be agreed by

The proposals would also apply to

all shareholders. Otherwise normal procedures, which would continue to apply to public companies, would have to be followed.

A single shareholder should also have powers to revoke an action, it is suggested. Protection for creditors under the Companies Act would be retained.

The need for a unanimous resolution would impose a practical limit on the size of private company to which in practice the proposal would apply, the

The loD would also like to see the Government given the power to bring in other deregulatory measures with the emphasis on unanimous consent of

The IoD said: "It would allow company law to be pruned and trimmed from time to time simply and without fuss. There are at least a dozen Companies Act requirements which could easily be dropped for small private companies."



Clayton Yeutter: sees time running against the Reagan initiative for US leadership

Yeutter hint of new US economics package

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan is preparing comprehensive new leg-islation to restore US leadership in the international economic arena.

Details of the programme were finalized at a White House meeting last week but the initiative will not be announced until the President's State of the Union message next month, according to Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative.

He said in an interview with The Times that Mr Reagan and his advisers see their political difficulties and rapidly diminishing time in office as blocks to the President's goal of leaving the world "a lasting economic legacy." Mr Yeutter said that a trade

war with Europe looms as a strong possibility with a December 31 being the decisive date.

He disclosed also that the United States and the Soviet Union continued to hold talks last week on economic relations but that Soviet membership of international institutions such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) remains far

off.

The new programme and subsequent legislation will focus on trade, but with a broad emphasis encompassing international competitiveness at a time when global growth is deemed insufficient.

he added.

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"We regard this as a major initiative by the Reagan administration during the President's final two years in

office." Mr Yeutter said. Without disclosing details, he said the programme is the result of six months' work by the President's economic pol-icy council, led by Mr James

Baker, the Treasury Secretary.
The programme, based on reports which have already been leaked, will encompass the areas of anti-trust, re-search and development, education, possible industrial incentives and grants, agriculture, corporate management and other trade-related

Mr Yeutter also said that continued US movement on the exchange rate front, including a possible agree-ment with West Germany after the January elections,

No rush, says Mr Yeutter indicated that Gatt after

The new Uruguay round of trade negotiations, the eighth and most ambitious in the

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's history, has not hada propitious start. Delegates from 30 main trading nations, meeting since October 27, failed to make the

December 19 deadline, as scheduled at the Punte Del Este conference in September, so that negotiations proper could start early next year. Instead, the trade negotiat-ing committee will meet again

on January 28, after two weeks of further discussions, in the pe of agree

programme.
"This is, after all, a four-year negotiation and it would be wrong to rush things now and perhaps get them wrong" said a Gatt spokesman Mr David Woods.

Considerable progress has been achieved on trade barriers and several countries were particularly disappointed at the interruption in the negotiations, feeling that agreement was within reach,

Spain and Portugal into the European Economic Ецгореап Community.

There is no solution in sight at, according to Mr Yeutter, who said it is up to Europe to

make the next move.
The US will begin drawing up retaliatory measures, affecting as much as \$400 cal community, has not taken

reach agreement by the

there would be no extension of the deadline as requested by 8-week talks the EEC but other officials From Alan McGregor said the administration will beed Europe's request. Geneva The US is not interested in

a divisive fight with Europe when it is trying to recover from the Iran scandal. For this reason, I think you will see additional negotiations in January," a high-level official

Separately, Administration sources said that the idea behind Mr Reagan's new initiative grew out of a meeting between Mr Yeutter and Mr

William Brock, the US Labour Secretary At a White House lunch, the two cabinet officers agreed it | Nigel Lawson: likes to leave was imperative in the second

the record US budget deficit and competitiveness as measured by faltering US trade and huge global imbalances. In the discussions with the

Soviet Union last week, Russion officials explored the idea with the Administration of becoming members of

GATT. But Mr Yeutter said that the reforms the Soviet Union must take to qualify for GATT

membership are so extensive that it will take years.
He declined to comment on a parallel effort by the Soviet

Union to achieve membership in the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. A Soviet delegation held high-level discussions with US Treasury officials on this proposal but the Reagan administration, fearing a backlash million (£283.7 million) in a public position.

OECD joins in talk of tax cuts

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent The Chancellor's attempt to play down expectations of tax cuts has failed to convince the forecasters. There is virtual unanimity among City and other forecasters that there will be a cut in the basic rate of income tax of 2p or more in

the Budget. Even the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, which is normally highly cautious in its economic policy predic-tions, assumed income tax cuts for Britain in its Decem-

ber Economic Outlook.
Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said in the Commons last Thursday: "I doubt if there will be much scope for reductions in taxation in next year's Budget."

This remark, which few people have interpreted literally, was accompanied by the comment: "A pound used in additional expenditure is a pound which is not available for reductions of taxation unless borrowing increases.

And t have categorically ruled out higher borrowing."

However, the Treasury's own work suggests Mr Lawson's comment is misteading.

An increase in public spending raises the level of economic activity and incomes. It generates powerful feedback effects on Exchequer rev-



some surprises

Simulations in Government Economic Service Working Poper No. 90 suggest that a £2 billion increase in public spending boosts the public sector borrowing requirement by only £1.1 billion in the first

vear. In other words, nearly 50p of every pound in additional expenditure can be used again. The story does not end here.

A cut in income tax also generates feedback effects, most directly through higher indirect tax receipts. It was significant that Mr

Lawson chose not to damp down expectations when these were referring to the possibility of a tax cut of tp or possibly 2p in the pound. But when City economists began to talk of a cut of 3p or more, the Chancellor reacted. Chancellors, and Mr Lawson is no exception, like to leave some surprises for their Budgets.

Britain in final EEC fight to society merger save struggling shipbuilders

The fate of struggling state-owned British Shipbuilders rests largely on a final attempt being made by the British Government in Brussels today win large increases in public shipyards.

It will mark the last chance for the European industry kind in the world, going back to the earliest developments in aircraft and ballooning.

The merger, expected to become effective next spring, will give the new body a membership of 20,000. The membership of 20,000. The the month.

Britain, with some support

Britain, with some support

The charade of meaningless meetings for private companies could end if many

formalities and requirements under the

Companies Act were scrapped, the

At the same time, it said, protective

The idea is to replace meetings with a

written document, signed by

The IoD said: "Hundreds of thou-

sands of small companies are at present

required to go through solemn rituals of

annual meetings and special meetings to

pass special and extraordinary resolu-

tions when a simple signature could

The main benefit, it said, would be felt

by small companies, often run by

suffice with no risk to creditors."

Institute of Directors said yesterday.

measures could be built in to the Act.

intense and, arguably, unfair cut-price competition from South Korea and Japan.

Shiphuilding companies throughout the EEC say that they need support until the next expected upturn in orders

After detailed studies by

ing ships.

subsidy to be well over 30 per The proposed directive, favoured by Britain except for the subsidy ceiling, would ensure that all aid would have

Britain wants the level of

EEC has accepted that there should be an aid ceiling of 26

per cent of the cost of produc-

to be included and disclosed. Today's negotiations are seen as crucial to the future of BS, now shorn of its warship independent consultants, the capability

should not be ruled out. Meanwhile, he said the US

and Europe are moving dan-gerously close to the Decem-ber 31 deadline to resolve their dispute over the effects

News Securities B.V.

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December, 1986

Unit Group makes running for Third Market honours

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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The new-issue pipelines have been full this Christmas even though new placing rules

which have tipped the
balance in favour of full

It has offered 1.25 million

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national tax charge. However,

one difference between the

Third Market and the LISM is listings - have meant that a bigher proportion of placings than last year have gone straight to a full listing

The New Year will see the launch of the Third Market where there are expected to be 25 new issues in the early

investor safeguards for the Third Market will be less rigorous than those for the USM and the issue costs will, therefore, be cheaper. The Third Market can expect to attract companies which are 100 small for the USM or whose track record is more

Unit Group is running

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company made operating profits of £593,000, but interest payable cost the company £402,000. This left pretax profits of only £191,000. Evidently the new equity will have a beneficial making a market and making a second market and maker so that the stock can qualify for gamma status. effect on this interest charge.

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It has offered 1.25 million Third Market and the USM is

If the Third Market be-The Unit Group makes comes one supported by pri-wooden pallets and drums, vate clients the price/earnings vate clients the price/earnings The proceeds of the issue are ratios, on which companies to be used in the development are floated, may rise to reflect this fiscal benefit.

The acid question on this In the last financial year the market will be marketability. In the case of the Unit Group, Guidehouse will be making a market and finding a The level of investor in-

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wanting to wio the distinction launched on a p/e of 11.5, on a and, ultimately, this will de-of being the first in the new national tax charge. However, pend on the quality of the new issues and the capital gains achievable

lo the meantime, although the new market will be used by many of the former OTC bouses, it remains to be seen whether USM brokers will choose this means of flotation for their spousored issues.

At the moment stockbrokers are reluctant but it is worth bearing in mind that the USM started quietly and, initially, was not treated with any great enthusiasm by the broking fraternity.

Isabel Unsworth The author is a member of the small companies unit at Phillips & Drew

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Offshore market off to good start

expected.

"The baby was not still-born but whether it will grow to the

The Japanese authorities have approached the market with extreme caution and its freedom is limited compared with similar operations in Europe and the rest of Asia.

It is a dollar-core market with only modest trading in marks and Swiss francs. It is Asian competitors, Singapore

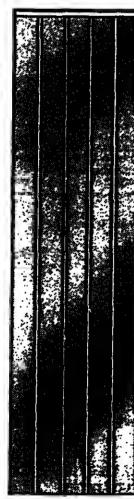
Touche buys consultants

Touche Ross Management Consultants have acquired the specialist distribution consultants Planned Warehousing.

The one that got away.



Land investors We ack sed BCPH, a private company, in its £75m bid for Land



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We advised Wingate on its £170m offerforthe much larger portion of sub-underwriting in Australia and New Zealand. We also arranged finance for Chase Corporation to take

Of the six major property company takeovers in the UK completed in the second half of 1986, we're pleased to say that we have acted in five.

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A ATEMBER OF THE ANIDLAND BANK GROLIP

ESTABLISHED 1853

From David Watts

Tokyo
The Tokyo offshore market bas made a better start than

After predictions of up to only \$25 billion (£17.7) for initial trading, the first day's total ran out at \$55 billion when the market was launched on December I.

Calculations by the Bank of Tokyo, the most active bank in the market, show that \$380 billion in foreign currencies and yen 688 billion (£2.95 billion) were traded in the first 10 days.

size we hope is still too early to

It is hampered by local taxes, the inability to trade securities and what the Bank of Tokyo calls "excessively

still miniscule by the stan-dards of London, \$700 billion, and New York, \$260 billion, and still small compared to its and Hong Kong, but bankers believe it will not be long before the finance ministry moves to relax the regulations.

The company, which is based in Guildford, Surrey, is

one of Britain's largest special ist consultancies in the dis-

Balance of payments will temper rally

ast week's PSBR figures support the view that fiscal policy is under control. The result for the PSBR in 1986-87 could be only £5.5 billion compared

hillion. This would require almost fore next April. The high level of redemptions over the average some £% million a

In spite of the good PSBR news, the gilt-edged market was largely unmoved.

There are two reasons for this. Firstly, there are wide margins of error inherent in any PSBR forecast. Secondly, because the low PSBR this year is due largely to buoyant tax receipts, it could permit the Treasury to present, in March, an optimistic PSBR for 1987-88 and leave room for tax reductions in the Budget.

Large tax reductions, financed by bouyant revenues owing tn unsustaioable prowth in domestic demand, are likely to apply more pressure on the trade account and sterling. But the tax cuts could assist the Government in its attempts for re-election.

ore fundamentally, the gilt-edged market is nut affected only by minor variations in the fiscal stance, funding or the monetary aggregates.

This year there has been a big rise in short-term interest rates and bond yields. British bood yields in 1984 averaged less than I per cent above those in the other eight markets while three-mooth interest rates were, on avcrage, below those elsewhere. In contrast, 10-year gilt-edged stocks now yield more than 4.5 per cent above the average in other markets, while three-month interest

rates are 5.25 per cent higher.

There is a good reason for In the second half of the 1970s, before the current account of the balance of payments really benefited from North Sea oil, it was in deficit by an average of £1 billion a year, equivalent to £2 billioo in today's terms.

Exchange cootrols were abolished in October, 1979 to increase the outflow on longterm capital account and temper the effect of the exchange rate on the expected current account surplus generated by rising production folio inflows. The latter are likely to be more volatile than

In the first half of the 1980s, the current account was io a large surplus. It was averaging £3.5 billioo a year with the official forecast of £7 - a total of £21 billion for the

past six years.
The abolition of exchange oo funding in the form of net controls permitted a large sales of gilt-edged stock be capital outflow. Portfolin investment overseas by British residents rose sharply, next few mooths means that averaging £4 billion a year. gross sales would have still to a limitally there was the exaverage some £34 million a pected stock adjustment efect, with investors taking advantage of the freedom and investing heavily overseas. But the ootflow has contin-

ued and has been at record levels in the past two years. of the first, indexed linked gilt-edged stock free of tax to residents abroad highlights the importance of this article;

it is a clear sign that the authorities realize the need to attract a capital inflow There was a solid case for having a capital outflow when Britain bad a large oil-

based current account surplus. But now that the fall in oil prices has halved the visible trade oil surplus, the current account is moving into deficit and a long-term capital account outflow is no longer appropriate.
Unless the authorities in-

the foreign exchange markets, which could not persist for long, either the current account deficit must improve or a capital inflow must be

Sterling has fallen by about 15 per cent over the past year and by twice as much against currencies such as the mark. The Chancellor believes this will be sufficient to bring the current account into balance. after a dip into deficit next

Even if he is correct, there will be a period where capital inflow must be generated. After that, the capital account might be in balance.

Although a comparisoo can be made with the 1970s, potential for international capital movements is oow much greater than then.

Capital markets have become global. Exchange controis have been abolished or relaxed in many countries. Foreign investment has become fashionable.

outflow but this will need to be matched by potential port-

the former because portfolio

inflow would depend on whether sterling investments were fashiooable or unfashionable.

This means that Britain will need high interest rates and bond yields when confidence is low and, as it returns, huge portfolio inflows to swamp markets and allow interest rates to fall

t present, confidence is low. It has been unsettled by speculatinn about a general election. The position is improving because the Government is edging ahead in most opinion polls. But the lead is small and there is concern over what a rise in banks' base rates and mortgage rates would dn to

Government's popularity. The oil price also has damaged confidence. Although oil prices are near the top of their recent trading range, the latest Opec meeting has not proved that Opec can maintain a sufficiently large cut in its output to push prices to \$20 a barrel once seasonal demand peaks in the

New Year. . There is a definite possibility that, given the height of British interest rates, relative rvene to support sterling in to those abroad, confidence to foreign exchange markets, may revive. If there is a period of stability, the attraction of British yields is likely to have an increasing influence on the decisions of

international investors. Further, purchases of British securities by overseas investors would improve the tone of our domestic mar-

One factor that holds back the gilt-edged market is the fear of a sterling crisis in January. But, if a crisis fails to materialize, then expectations of an election in mid-1987 and hopes of a Government victory will increase.

Investors could begin to anticipate lower gilt-edged yields. But even then, the underlying balance-of-payments flows mean British rates will have to keep a high margin over those elsewhere.

George Hodgson

Britain can have a portfolio The author is chief economist at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers Securiues

RECENT ISSUES

OSCEOLA: An offer for the company from Eglintoo Oil and Gas has become unconditional pany from Eglintoo Oil and in all respects. It was accepted by holders of 18,866,856 shares which, when added to the 165,800 shares already owned by Eglinton give Eglinton control of 82.7 per cent nf the

● VIEWPLAN: Acceptances for the nffer in respect of 9,270,063 Viewplan shares have • GREAT WESTERN RE-SOURCES: The company has

SOURCES: The company has made a conditional agreement for the acquisition of Bow Valley, the US subsidiary of Bow Valley Industries, and related Bow Valley interests. The consideration will be \$148.5 million, payable in cash on consideration.

WA HOLDINGS: The coulpany has agreed conditionally to acquire Bebecar (UK), a leading distributor of pushchairs, cots and nursery products sold under the Bebecar brand name. The consideration of £2 million is to be satisfied by the issue of 7,014,855 shares.

• CALA: The company is to buy Dominion Homes, the house-building subsidiary of Dominion International, for about £7.2 million. This considerably expands Cale's house-building interests in south of England and takes it into the Midlands for the first time.

• BAKER

SAUNDERS: Six months to Midlands for the first time.

BAKER HARRIS
SAUNDERS: Six months to
Oct 31. No interim dividend, as
indicated in the prospectus.
Turnover £1.67 million and
pretax profit £774,000. Turnover for the whole of the
previous year was £2.35 million
and pretax profit £800,000. The
directors intend to recommend
a final of 2p and say that this
half-time result is well on target
for the forecast pretax profit of
£1.6 million for the year.

CCHRISTIAN SALVESEN:
Merchants Refrigerating, the US
subsidiary, has purchased two
new cold stores for \$10.5 million
(£7.3 million) in California. The new cold stores for \$10.5 million (£7.3 million) in California. The company is also expanding its Easton cold store in Lincolnshire by a further t.5 million cu. ft. in time for the 1987 vegetable season at a cost of about £2 million.

• ELIZA TINSLEY GROUP: Six months to Sept 30. Interim dividend tp (same). Turnover £4.47 million (£4.29 million). Pretax prafit £295,000 (£292,000). Earnings per share 2.56p (2.19p). • ERSKINE HOUSE: Agree-

ment been reached for the purchase of Wessex Business Machines, which supplies Canon copiers, together with electronic typewriters and word processors. It is also a main dealer for Panasonic facsimile machines throughout the south-west. The consideration will be a maximum of £1 million.

ROTAPRINT: The compar is reporting for the 26 weeks to Sept 27. Sales £6.57 million (£7.55 million). Pretax loss £309.000 (£384.000). Basic loss

• JOHNSON MATTHEY: The company has repaid, 18 months ahead of schedule, the outstanding sum under the me-dium-term financing agreement signed with a syndicate of banks in August, 1985. This is a result of signing new bilateral committed medium-term agreements with ten banks. The board says that the banks are sufficiently that the banks are sufficiently to be the surround to

with ten banks. The board says that the unsecured mediumterm money and metal borrowing facilities totalling £270 million will provide the flexibility to match borrowings with the company's changing needs. The company has reduced borrowings by more than £300 million since October, 1984.

• BREMNER: The company says that talks with City and Westminster which could have led to a merger have been ended. The board says that it was willing to consider favourably a bid of 70p for the shares but it was unable to agree all the terms and conditions which City and Westminster sought to impose. and conditions which City and Westminster sought to impose. The company has received a notice from Malaga Investments, an offshore investment vehicle structured by City and Westminster, requiring it to convene an emergency general meeting to consider resolutions for the removal of the chairman, Mr J A Rowland-Jones and two directors, Mr C D Rees and Mr D B Porter, and for the appoint-

directors, Mr C D Rees and Mr D B Porter, and for the appointment to the board of Mr A L Greystoke, Mr A Cochrane Duncan and three other directors or nominees of City and Westminster.

MARSTON THOMPSON: Interim dividend 0.78p. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30 (comparisons restated). Turnover 37,253 (35,878), pretax profit 6,87t (5,318), tax 1,985 (2,026), profit after tax 3,886 (3,292), earnings per share 4.46p (3.78). The board says that volumes in the second half have been at about the same level as in the corresponding period and that, given a ponding period and that, given a reasonable Christmas, the com-pany is hopeful of maintaining similar growth for the year as a whole.

• FISONS: The company says

that Tilade, the respiratory drug will be launched to general practitioners in Britain early in January after its successful in-troduction to hospitals four months ago.

• WATSON & PHILIP: Final

dividend 4.8p, making 6.8p (5.8). Figures in £000 for 53

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sons restated). Turnover 155,278 (118,609). pretax profit 1,655 (1,107), 1ax 681 (405), extraordinary debit after tax 294. (267), carnings per share 10.2p • CIFER: Figures in £000 for

weeks to October 31: (compari-

• CIFER: Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Turnover 5,143.1 (6,723.6), pretax profit 41.8 (loss 1,819), tax 4.8 (nil), profit attributable 46.6 (loss 1,819), extraordinary charges 396.8 (800.8), earnings per share pre-extraordinary items 0.30p (loss 11.67p). The chairman feels confident that the current year will prove another major year will prove another major step forward in the re-establishment of the company as a name for sound technical and financial performance.

• BRINT INVESTMENTS: The company has been advised in these holdings: Electra investment Trust 953,676 shares (7.16 per cent), Mr G Harrison 700,000 (5.26 per cent), Austra-lian Investors' Corporation (a member of the Clayton Robard Group) 675,000 (5.07 per cent), IEP Securitis (a Brierley Group company) 670,000 (5.03 per

• GREENWICH SOURCES: Figures in £s for year to September 30. Comparisons restated). Turnnver 431,976 (64,922), pretax profit 301,721 (loss 227,338), earnings per share 1.4p (loss 1.5).

THE "SHELL"
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Notice is hereby given that a balance of the register will be struck on Monday, 5th January, 1967 for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the SECOND PREFERENCE SHARES, for the six months ending 31st January, 1967. The dividend will be paid on 2nd February, 1987.

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Corneny's Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, Sussex BN12 BDA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Monday 5th January, 1987. By Order of the Board D.W. CHESTERMAN SECRETARY



ANALYSIS

North Sea suppliers face big shake-out

ith the oil price languishing at a level so low as to render most North Sea ventures uneconomic, concern is growing for Britain's offshore construction and supply industry.

The job losses and receiverships to make the headlines sn far may be only the beginning of a more fundamental shakeout among Britain's North Sea

supply companies. Dr Colin Phipps, chairman of Brindex, the association of British independent explorauon companies, believes that in 12 months we shall lose 50 per cent of our infrastructure.

He said: "There is enough maintenance and ordinary supply work for 50 per cent of our offshore capacity and maintenance requirements tend to increase as time goes by. But what the industry needs is new construction orders. New business puts the cream on it."

Much has been made of the sufferings of the oil companies which see their earnings and assets diminish with every dollar fall in the oil price. However, exploration spending for them is discretionary, and development spending can be delayed.

It is comparatively easy for them to cut back on this discretionary expenditure, helping to reduce the adverse effect on their cash flow, although at some cost to employment of the bighlyskilled geologists and geo-physicists in their exploration departments.

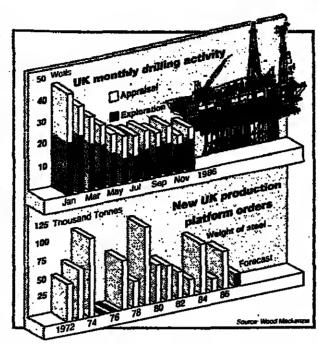
It is the service companies which really suffer from the fall in the oil price. Many of the construction yards, plat-form and module builders have already trimmed back in response to the drop in orders because of the low oil price. But their remaining overheads are not discretionary, and they need orders to survive.

s the oil price fall begins A to cut into exploration budgets, the first to feel the draught are the companies involved in drilling. The worst effects have been fett hy the rig owners, supply boat owners and the diving and support

The impact on the development side takes longer to feed through. Indeed, the offsbore contractors are still fulfilling ders dating to the 1984 offshore construction boom.

But oil prices are now too low to justify developing most new North Sea oilfields, and the platform and module huilding yards and all the support industries will find life hard as their orders are completed during 1987.

The work will not dry up



Whitehall accused of complacency

As the speaker said to the piece of clever public American offshore oil relations." Enterprise and construction and supply in- Lasmo had been the only two dustry: "Stay alive in '85, quick fix for '86, chapter eleven in '87." His words now seem to have more relevance

for the UK offshore industry. It has been living with a low oil price for nearly a year but its corrosive effect on the oil service industry has been progressive rather than

instantaneous. Drilling felt the draught first. But, if low prices persist as the contractors finish their current workload, all the offshore service companies will be facing a bleak fature.

The Government recognizes that there is a problem, as shown by recent concessions on advance petroleum revenue

Dr Colin Phipps, chairman of Brindex, calls this "just a

return. But the platforms there

are much smaller and with

Analysis at Wood Macken-

that the contract for a plat-

form for a northern North Sea

oilfield such as Tem is worth

more than £50 million for a

platform weighing more than 22,000 tonnes and involving one million man-hours of

In contrast, a typical plat-

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simpler superstructures.

1.000 tonnes and involve just completely because the southern gas sector still offers the possibility of a commercial 90,000 man-hours of work.

The offshore construction and supply industry is by its nature cyclical, and this is not the first time it has found itself burtling towards the bottom zie, the stockbroker, calculate of the cycle.

members of Brindex to benefit.

The other main beneficiaries had been Britoil and the US

The struggling small oil

Dr Phipps says: "The Gov-

erument is remarkably com-placent about what is going on. The Treasury is reluctant to

give up any cash at all and the

Department of Energy does not recognize the scale of the

The worry is that the service

industry will be damaged be-

youd repair. Britain is in

danger of losing in a year what could take five years to re-

shows that North Sea platform from those the industry is now facing.

form for a southern gas field will have a contract value of only £7 million, weigh about the situation was easily rem-

UNLISTED SECURITIES

edied by loosening the fiscal straitjacket. A similar pattern occurred at the beginning of the 1980s, when exploration activity slumped. Tax reforms in the 1983 hudget again rescued the service industry.

There is now little on the taxation from for which the Government can be blamed. and little it can do. Exploration is allowed against petroleum revenue tax and new developments are un-economic because of the low oil price not because of the tax

nly two factors will stimulate an increase in offshore activity -higher oil prices or subsidies of one son or another for new

The world price of North Sea oil is still determined by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, despite its much weakened condition. The British Government could try to help in supporting prices by taking a more active role internationally, allying itself with Opec-type de-cisions, much as Norway has done.

Of more direct practical help would be the offer of subsidies. The simplest subsidy of all would be to allow the oil companies relief against PRT for development expenditure. This would ensure that more money was

companies do not benefit at all, nor is there is any guarantee that the money will be returned to the North Sea.

The difficulty here is those with enough PRT of the control of the sea. The difficulty here is that those with enough PRT would not necessarily be the most deserving cases, Such a measure would probably precipitate a reshuffle of tax-paying assets, such as occurred at the time exploration was allowed against PRT.

> British Petroleum set the bandwagon rolling when it sold off units in its Forties field. Most asset sales since have had tax shelter considerations somewhere in the calculations.

To overcome this PRT could be put into a Gov-ernment pool and used to offer direct subsidies to new developments. But like most direct subsidy schemes, it is likely to prove expensive, unfair and in the end to create more problems than it solves.

Britain has built np consid-The accompanying chart crable expertise in developing ows that North Sea platform oilfields in some of the most ordering is a feast and famine affair. No new platform orders were placed with British yards during 1975 and 1976 but because of different pressures from these the industries and the state of the most hostile environments in the world in the teeth of intense American competition. If the Government wants it to keep the industries are also also and the state of the most order of the most order of the most order or the most o may need to dig into its pocket to help it to survive until the oil price starts to pick up again

Carol Ferguson

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(US NOTEBOOK)

Paying for five years of folly

From Maxwell Newton New York

The year is ending on a downbeat, it is not at all likety that the fourth quarter will produce any positive economic growth at all.

Meanwhile the nver-leveraged American corporate sector faces a couple of years in which it will be difficult to reduce the fantastic leverage levels that have been built up.

Obviously, there will have to be a deleveraging of America after the folly of the past five years, folly that has been fed by the almost unbelievably lax policies of the Fed which have poured a gout of cash into the system. This has been used in large measure to build up debt and to inflate the values of financial assets.

There will have to be a return to traditional relationship between debt and equity. The reaction will take two main forms.

First there will be mass payoffs of labour and sales of divisions in order to improve the corporations' cash. After a time, the glut of divisions for sale will reduce the attraction of this route. The collapse of the Coca-Cola bottling issue -a farce - is indicative of the problems that are in the pipeline as corporations strug-gle to raise cash and remove loss-making or other difficult divisions from the consolidated balance sheet.

Secondly, there will have to be a reversion to stock issues. But these issues will be priced in a decidedly unfavourable environment, when major corporations are all vying for cash in the stock market to evade bankruptcy that will become more imminent as difficult profit-earning conditions combine with gluts of new stock issues to raise prospective yields demanded

by investors. At the same time, the new tax law will make new cor-porate stock yields necessarily much higher, since there is no point in waiting for capital gains which will be taxed at the same rate as ordinary income.

Meanwhile, it is clear that many of the huge American corporations are in deep trouble. Massive layoffs by GM, AT&T and IBM point to a serious sickness, a lack of momentum, an inability to grow, that is afflicting some of the most powerful and prestigious of American corporations.

In this environment, the clear choice is fixed income paper of high quality. This means, for all practical purposes, Treasury paper and some municipal paper.

There are those - Henry Wojtyla and Nicocles Michas among them — who believe this story is going to end in a cataclysm.

I think it is possible the world's central bankers, led by the Fed, will pour so much cash into the system that a cataclysm will be avoided.

COMMENT

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The baffling gap in industrial policy

unchallengable proposition that "defence requirements must be paramount. They will not be subordinated to any political expediency." In doing so, however. Mrs Thatcher gave the impression to paranoid industrialists that the technical health and employment prospects of British industry, rather than being an end in themselves, were no more than a matter of political expediency, affecting the electoral prospects of a few MPs.

That was no doubt inadvertent. Yet there is a lacuna in the present Government's policy towards industry. The essence of the policy has, indeed, been a realization that government and industry do not go well together in this country. Hence, policy has centred with varying success — on creating the right conditions for business and enterprise to thrive, while keeping process is now damaging Britain's Whitehall's grubby hands off the warship-building industry.

The privatization programme, one of Mrs Thatcher's most successful initiatives, rests on the same proposition. It is now common ground that Whitehall is not good at running industries. Such healthy realism does not, however, obviate the need to improve the relations between industry and Whitehall. Nor does this presuppose a French or Japanese system of government organization and promotion of in-

Defence procurement is a case in point. The cancellation of the Nimrod project has left people from abroad bafiled. No other leading industrial country, it seems, would dump its home industry in such a way.

The Nimrod experience will be pored over in endless detail in committees. It seems likely that the original conception of the project and the way it was handled will be found wanting, rather than the final difficult decision to cancel. For that was an admission of past failure.

It is now widely agreed that cost-plus development is unsuitable for this sort of project. Behind this, however, must lie a greater practical understanding of Britain's diminished size in the military world. Major projects cannot hope to pay for themselves at economic cost on UK orders alone. If the government is to back a British project, it must from the first co-operate with private industry on the creation of an export product rather than one tailored in stultifying detail to British needs.

There is nothing new about cooperative Nato aircraft projects. But civil servants and service chiefs at the Ministry of Defence still do not see it as part of their business - and may,

In preparing the way for the Awacs indeed, consider it improper - to promote the commercial interests and profits of individual private firms. It seems clear that the Nimrod project, many of whose basic technical problems stem from the false economy of choosing an obsolete, unsuitable but cheaply available airframe, was not conceived as a world competitor. Thinking has

improved since 1977, hut not enough. If the principal aim is to save money, it is usually cheaper to buy American or other imports offered at incremental cost without the full overbead burden. Even that should be worked out with

industry in advance. If projects need rethinking, so does ordering. The Westland crisis, which exposed fatuous Whitehall jealousies over responsibilities for different companies, stemmed from a sudden lack of British Government orders. The needs of industry were ignored in juggling with figures in the defence budget. That warship-building industry.

more subtle, but equally dev-astating lack of Whitehall cooperation has effectively wrecked the British bus-building industry. The implications of bus deregulation were simply not properly worked out be-tween the transport and industry departments. So bus builders found themselves devoid of orders and illprepared for the consequent demand for smaller chassis, most of which are now imported. Properly handled, this transition could have promoted the British

hus industry. Industrialists are also to blame for deficiencies in co-operation, in part because of their fears that Labour governments' idea of co-operation is control. Their distaste for working with competitors (not to mention trade unions) has also limited the potential of the detailed work of the National Economic Development Office. For many British firms dealing in world markets, the chap down the road is still a bigger enemy than competitors

Nonetheless, a concerted effort should be started within government to promote individual British firms as an integral part of many decisions. Better co-operation between departments would be a good start.

Over Christmas, Mrs Thatcher will be reading the Sizewell report, which is principally about the choice of British or American/French reactor technology rather than the building of nuclear power stations per se. The long-term promotion of British firms will not figure prominently in the report. Will

it figure in the decision? Graham Searjeant

APPOINTMENTS

Balfour Beatty's board now Mr K Odell, engineering comprises: Mr D Holland, chairman; Mr R Rankin, chief executive; Mr N Ashley, executive director, Balfour Beatty Construction International; and Mr R Biggam, corporate

director. Mr I Carroll, executive director, Balfour Beatty
Power, Mr D Cawthra, executive director, Balfour Ceatty
Construction, Mr P Clarke,
corporate director, Mr G
Grist, finance director, Mr R

Morgan, corporate director,

Mr Nigel Chancellor, manag-ing director of Abbey Corru-gated, a subsidiary, bas been made a director of David S Smith. Mr Brian Smith and Mr Neil Greig have become joint

non-executive.

chairmen and joint chief executives of St Regis Packaging, a

director, Mr J Stevenson,

David S Smith (Holdings):

subsidiary.
Towers, Perrin, Forster &
Crosby: The new directors are:
Mr John Ryan and Mr Geoff
Wetall. The new partners are:
Mr Richard Bowen, Mr John Instance, Mr George Orros and Mr David Grender-Jones.

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Financial Editor

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TREASURY BILLS

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of National Australia Bank Limited will be held at 36th Floor, 500 Bourke Street, Melbourne, on Thursday, January 22, 1987, at 11.00 a.m.

Ordinary Business

1. To receive and consider the balance sheet and statement of profit and loss and the reports of the Directors and of the Auditor for the year ended September 30, 1986.

To elect Directors.

3. To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution: "that sanction be and is hereby given to the modification by the Directors of the terms and conditions of the Staff Share Scheme established by the Company with the approval of a resolution of stockholders passed on 26 June, 1986, by the deletion of the word "full-time" where it appears in the definition of "Employee" contained in Clause I(c) of the Staff Share Scheme."

By order of the Board R. J. Barnier, Secretary November 27, 1986.

Proxies A Member or other person entitled to vote may appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote instead of him. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy must be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the Member's voting rights. A proxy need not be a Member of

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Chancery Division Law Report December 22 1986

Pension fund surplus cannot be removed by new owners In re Conrage Pension over liabilities being about £80 Ryan and Others v Imperial

Brewery & Leisure Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment December 10] Proposals by Hanson Trust ple designed to remove, for its own benefit or for the benefit of other employees in other companies in the Hanson Group, all but £10 million of the surplus of £80 million in three pension schemes intended for the benefit of employees of Imperial Brewing & Leisure Ltd (IBL) were disallowed by Mr Justice Millett

in the Chancery Division. His Lordship held that the committee of management of the schemes were not bound in concur in executing the proposed deed amending the trust deeds or rules. The proposed amending decds, as presently drawn were outside the power to amend the trust deeds and rules.
His Lordship so held on an originating summons taken out by the plaintiffs, Bernard Joseph Ryan and others, the committee of management for the pension schemes, against IBL, Graham Horsford Griffin, a member of the Courage Staff Pension Scheme, and Imperial Group Pension Trust Ltd and Imperial Group Pension Investment Ltd, the custodian trustees.

Mr Edward Nugee, QC and Mr Nicholas Warren for the plaintiffs; Mr Nigel Inglis-Jones, QC and Mr Geoffrey Topham for IBL: Mr Michael Hart for Mr Griffin; Mr Geoffrey Topham for the custodian trustee com-

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MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that in April 1986, Hanson Trust plc acquired Imperial Group plc, one of whose subsid-

After sale of part of IBL's undertaking, tBL and its remaining subsidiaries now consisted of only three companies,

to sell IBL to an Australian company, Elders IXL Ltd, for approximately £1.4 billion. The

pleted on November 19. would then fall to be considered as at the date when so executed. tory pension schemes for employees in the group, each governed by its own trust deed and rules. The Courage Retail Managers Scheme, established in 1956 by Barclay Perkins & Co Lid for managers of off-licences, received new rules in 1963 when IBL was substituted as "the company" for purposes of the scheme.

The Courage Staff Pension Scheme and the Courage voluntary agreement.
Employees Pension Scheme, To exclude the committee's originally non-contributory, discretion would not only deay were established by IBL for any effective protection to employees in IBL and its assomething the careful allocation of sense of the careful allocation of

committee of management for trust deed and rules, all three schemes, whose assets But the committee totalled about £252 million, entitled to join in executing the group, and if it remained identi-their estimated surplus of assets proposed amending deeds if the fiably the same.

In February 1986 the commit-In represent 1986 the commit-tee inserted a new clause, whose effect was to close each scheme to new entrants, in order in protect the assets, particularly the surplus, against what was described as "a predator". Without such action other commissies in the Hassen

companies in the Hanson Group would have become "associated companies" entitled to participate in funds built up

by IBL over many years. Hanson made no secret of its desire to remove for its own benefit or for the benefit of employees of companies remaining in the Hanson Group, most of the £30 million

Despite the sale of IBL to Elders, Hanson proposed that the pension schemes should remain with Hanson, which would be substituted as "the company" for purposes of the

When explained, those proposals aroused concern among the committee members, since the effect would be to exclude employees from benefit, al-though they contioued to be employed by the same em-ployer, and would leave pensioners in schemes operated by Hanson, a company with which they had no or only the most tenuous connection.

After legal advice the committee issued their originating summons on November 5, asking whether they were (a) at liberty or (b) bound to execute the roposed amending trust deeds. Hanson contended that they were so bound and had no

discretion in the matter, and it had executed interim schemes, allowing for new entrants to be added, the new deeds lacking only execution by the commit-

It was clear, and common ground, that the Conrage Retail Managers Pension Scheme, vested the power to amend the described as the Courage Group of companies.

In September, Hanson agreed to sell IBL to an Australian was conceded, that the committee with the consent of the participating companies, and it followed, as was conceded, that the committee had a full discretion, that the amending deed would have no sale became unconditional on effect until executed by the November 14 and was completed on November 19.

By the committee, and that its validity would then fall to be considered.

> The relevant clause in the other two schemes was, in his Lordship's view, ambiguous but his Lordship had no doubt that its correct meaning was that the enmmittee was required, not as Mr Inglis-Jones contended, to concur "in the execution of" the amending deed by the company, but to concur "in executing" the amending deed itself, the word "concur" denoting an act of

ciated companies.

The plaintiffs constituted the powers found elsewhere in the But the committee were only

proposed amendments were

They must not infringe the provisos to the rule-amending power, particularly the express prohibition against altering the scheme's "main purpose", namely the provision of pensions on retirement at a speci-fied age for members. Such a power was given for the purpose of promoting not altering the

Whenever possible the deed's provisions should be construed so as to give reasonable and practical effect to the scheme, bearing in mind that it had to operate against a constantly changing commercial background, the scheme being in-tended not for employees of a single company, but for those of a group of companies.

Even a "main purpose" might Even a "main purpose" might be changed by degree, as was demonstrated by Thellusson v Viscount Valentia ([1907] 2 Ch l) concerned with Hurlingham Club whose initial object, to provide a ground for pigeon shooting, changed later to a ground for polo and other sports.

It was a novel and startling

proposition that a company, and its associated companies participating in a pension scheme, could be sold and continue to employ substan-tially its whole workforce, for whose benefit the scheme was whose benefit the scheme was
established, and yet the scheme
itself be excluded from the sale.
His Lordship's first reaction,
namely that substituting one
company for another as principal company for the scheme was necessarily outside the rule-

amending power, proved, how-ever, to be too sweeping a After examining the terms of the three schemes, his Lordship said there was a limited right in substitute another company for IBL, but only if the company was being wound up for

reconstruction or amal-gamation, and the only com-pany that could be substituted was the reconstructed or amalgamated company.
Sale of an associated company

out of the group would cause a partial dissolution of the scheme, but unless another company was first substituted, the sale of IBL, itself would not affect the schemes at all. that some provision for substitution should be included in a group scheme; it would be unfortunate if the whole scheme

had to be wound up merely because, on a group reconstruc-

tion, the principal company was put into liquidation. A pension scheme was established, not for a particular company, but for those em-ployed in a commercial under-taking, and provision could properly be made for the scheme to continue for their benefit, if, on a reconstruction, the undercompany to another within the

Such provisions could prop-intended to be irrevocable, the within the power to amend and criy be said to promote the main true question was whether the could properly be made.

True question was whether the closure of any scheme could be porpose, and not to alter it. That, however, was not the present case at all; the Courage Group had not been re-

constructed, but sold.

The purpose of the proposed substitution of Hanson for IBL. was not to preserve the schemes in existence for the benefit of those employed in the undertaking, but was to prevent that from happening, and to bring about an unnecessary dissolution of the schemes which would not

otherwise occur. The need for some provision in be made for substitution showed that the identity of the company" was not of the es-sence or part of the "main purpose" of the schemes. It did not follow that an unlimited power of substitution

that any company could prop-erly be substituted in any circumstances and for any The simple fact was that Hanson did not employ and never had employed any of the employees for whose benefit the schemes were established.

could be validly introduced, or

The circumstances must be such that substitution was necessary or at least expedient in order to preserve the scheme for those for whose benefit it was established, and the substituted company must be recognizably the successor to the business and workforce of the company for which it was to be substituted: it was not enough that it was a member of the same group, or the holding company of the group. The proposed substitu-tion was ultra vires.

His Lordship also held that whether or not the closure of the schemes in February 1986 to

Gimblett v McGlashan

[Judgment December 5]

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Russell

An air travel agent relying on the exemption from holding a licence under regulation 2 of the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organizers Licensing) Regulations (SI 1972 No 223) by reason of

his principal being the holder of

a licence was required by regula-tion 2 to disclose his status as agent in a transaction making

flight accommodation available.

visional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecutor, Richard Jeremy Gimblett, against the dismissal by the Wells Street

Metropolitan Stipendiary Mag-istrate of an information against

Andrea McGlashan alleging a contravention of regulation 2(1)

The 1972 Regulations provide: "2(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation, no person shall, in

the United Kingdom - (a) make available, as a principal or an

of the 1972 Regulations.

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closure of any scheme could be entrenehed against a future ex-ercise of a power to amend.

There was no need for such entrenchment, the company being sufficiently protected by being a necessary party to amendments to re-open it. and the members of a closed scheme being likewise similarly pro-tected, by the fact that the committee was a necessary party to any amendment.

The committee's powers were fiduciary, and present members could not deprive their succes-sors of the right to exercise the power of amendment: see In re Wills Trust Deeds ([1964] Ch

219). Whether or not the closure against future re-opening, that had not been done, and the court would declare that the committee were (a) at liberty, but (b) not bound in execute any deeds amending the trust deeds or rules for the purpose of re-opening the schemes to new members.

members.
Hanson's poposals, which his
Lordship had disallowed, were
designed to remove for its own
benefit, or for the benefit of
employees in other Hanson
Group companies, all but £10
million of the surplus, thus
reducing or extinguishing the
employees' present expectation employees' present expectation of continued suspension of contributions.

They thus raised the wider and controversial issue of whether surpluses should be regarded as available to the employer or as belonging wholly or partly to the members. or partly to the members.

The point did not arise directly for decision, but it was right to explain why his Lordship had not based his decision

Agency status must be disclosed

agent accommodation for the

carriage of persons on flights by aircraft (whether or not reg-istered in the United Kingdom)

in any part of the world; or (b)

hold himself out as a person who, either as a principal or agent, or without disclosing his capacity, may make such accommodation available no-less-...(ii) he holds a licence authorizing him to do so and the

authorizing him to do so and the terms of the licence are com-plied with so far as they relate to the provision of that accom-

"(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall require a person to hold a licence by reason only of the fact that be ... (b) makes available, or holds himself out as a person who may make available such according

make available, such accom-modation as agent acting on behalf and with the authority of

Mr Bernard Livesey for the prosecutor, Mr Adrian Salter for

e defendant.
MR JUSTICE RUSSELL said

that the issue was whether there

- (i) the holder of a licence

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proposals would deprive the employees of an accrued legal

The surpluses arose from what, with hindsight, could be seen as past over-funding, so that prima facie, if returnable and not used to increase benefits, they ought to be returned to those who contributed them.

In a contributory scheme that might be thought to be in proportion to the respective contributions of employees and employer but that was not necessarily or always the case. In the present instance the employees had no right to a "contributions holiday", and any surplus was due to past over-funding by the employer alone.

alone.

It would, however, only be in would have any legal right to repayment of any part of the surplus, since regulations were expected shortly to be made under section 64 of the Social Security Act 1973, as amended, under which any repayment would normally require co-operation between employer and trustees or committee of management.
The members, while having

no legal right to participate in the surplus, objected in being transferred compulsorily to a new scheme of which they knew nothing except that it had a relatively small surplus, and they were entitled to have their objections dealt with by discussion and negotiation, and from the surplus by the uni-lateral decision of a take-over

which the defendant was a

director, to disclose the exis-tence of their agency and the identity of their principal.

felicitously drafted as they might have been. The addition

of the words "a disclosed" before the word "agent" in regulation 2(2)(b) would not have been misplaced.

There must be significance in the words "or without disclosing

his capacity" in regulation 2(1)(b), and to give any meaning

would be allowed.

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Lord Justice May agreed.

The regulations were not as

in obtaining by deception

Operative cause

Regina v King Regina v Stockwell

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Justice Saville [Judgment November 28]

When considering offences of reason of any deception.

obtaining property by deception to R r Lewis a schoolmistress obtained her appointment by case was whether the deception falsely stating that she possessed When considering offences of

The Court of Appeals ostated rendered and not because of the when dismissing appeals by David King and James to be observed, how-stockwell against their convictions on February 19, 1986 at Southampton Crown Court (Judge Stock, QC and a jury) of Lewis would not have got the attempting to obtain property by deception. They were each fined £150, with 30 days imprisonment in default. imprisonment in default.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, in a purpose of the court, said that judgment of the court, said that the appellants went in the bouse of Mrs Mitchell, a widow aged 68. They told her (faisely) that they were from a firm of tree they were from a firm of tree

withdrawing more from the other when the cashier onticed that she seemed very distressed. Following a conversation, the

at all to those words it was necessary to imply the words "a disclosed" before the word "agent" in regulation 2(2)(b). There seemed to be no point in the words "acting on behalf of and with the authority of" police were informed. Police officers went to Mrs Mitchell's house and found the appellants there. They were arrested.

In support of the appeal against conviction, counsel for the approval in R v Moreton ((1913) the appellants argued that the Cr App R 214). the appellants argued that the which immediately followed the word "agent" unless disclosure

was contemplated and required.
Consequently the magistrate there was no case to answer.

It was argued that since R v erred in acquitting the defen-dant on the information preferred against ber and the appeal in Russell on Crime, volume 2, 12th edition pill86, note 66) it had been recognized generally that conduct of the kind comwas an obligation upon the agents, Tourview Travel Ltd, of Anthony Feldman & Co.

plained of in the present case did frace of obtaining property by false pretences or by deception Justice Waterhouse and Mr because, as a matter of causaobtained by reason of the work

was an operative cause of the a teacher's certificate. She was obtaining of the property. That question fell to be answered as a question of fact by the jury applying their commonsense.

The Court of Appeal so stated

The Court of Appeal so stated rendered and not because of the false property at the state of the services and the state of the services are stated.

imprisonment in default.

Mr Nigel Cockburn, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal that the employer would not Appeals, for the appellants. Mr Keith Cutler for the Crown.

surgeons (that she knew of) and careful consideration to the surgeons (that she knew of) and said that the roots of a sycamore tree in her garden were growing into the gas main and could cause thousands of pounds of damage. They said it would cost fill the tree. Mrs Mitchell agreed in pay.

They then looked at other trees and inld her that three others should also be felled to invoid damage. They said that to remove the four trees would cost about £500.

When Mrs Mitchell said she

about £500.

When Mrs Mitchell said she would telephone her brother, one of the appellants said they would do the work for £470 if to be answered as a question of fact by the jury

would do the work for £470 if paid in cash.

Mrs Mitchell went to draw money from two building society accounts. She withdrew (1867) LR 1 CCR 56, 60) where some from one and was withdrawing more from the interest of the last was consistent with the decision in R v Martin (1867) LR 1 CCR 56, 60) where the last character of the la is the test? Surely this, that there must be a direct connection between the pretence and the delivery — that there must be a continuing pretence, Whether there is such a connection or not

In the present case there was judge erred in rejecting a motion ample evidence upon which the made at the outset of the trial to jury could come to the conclusions. quash the indictment, or alter-natively the submission that ceeded the money would have been paid over by the victim as a result of the lies told to her by Lewis (Somerset Assizes, Janu-the appellants. Their Lordships ary 1922, reported in a footnote considered that the appellants

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Bittner brings seven-year lean spell to an end

Hinterstoder, Austria (Reu-ter) - Armin Bittner became the first West German to win an Alpine World Cup slalom race since 1979 when he edged out the Yugoslav veteran. Bojan Krizaj, to capture first place yesterday.

The 22-year-old jumped from third place after the first leg to clock a combined time of 1 min 50.14sec.

But Krizaj's finish earned him first place, ahead of Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, in the overall World Cup slalom standings, with 69 points. Bittner is cow third. Stenmark failed to add to his current 60 points in the overall slalom standings after dropping out in the first leg.

• KRANJSKAGORA, Yugo-

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(Reuter reports).

It was the seventh slalom wio of Krizaj's career. Petrovic, the World Cup slalom champion, finished one place ahead of Stenmark, the World Cup slalom standings leader. But the Swiss and Italians had poor fortune, and falled to finish in the ton 10. Italians had poor fortune, and Figini was third, followed by failed to finish in the top 10 Vreni Schneider and Oertli. WEEKEND WORLD CUP RESULTS

MENTS SLALOM (Hinterstoder, Austria):

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NOMEN'S SPECIAL SLALOM (Volzol-Jana, Italy): 1, E Hess (Switz), 1min 39.84sec; 2, 6 Ograf (Switz), 1:40,58; 3, C Strobl (Austria), 1:41,18; 4, P Magoni

for the first time this season. · VALZOLDANA, Italy (Reuter) - Erika Hess kept the Swiss firmly in control of the women's Alpine World Cup with her 21st slalom victory in a career which she has hinted might finish at the end of the season. She beat her

compatriot, Brigitte Oertli, into second place yesterday. Hess, aged 24, needed skill and staying power on a course on which 51 of the 81 starters failed to complete the first leg. Tamara McKinney, from the United States, straddled a gate and made a first-leg exit, and oow shares her lead in the slalom table with Octali. Hess is just one point behind them.

• Maria Walliser, the reigning overall Alpine World Cup champion, overturned a first-leg deficit of 0.68sec to win the worker's giant statement. slavia: Yugoslavs Bojan Krizaj and Rok Petrovic swept to
the first two places in the
men's Alpine World Cup slalom before 20,000 ecstatic
lom before 20, dez-Ochoa after the first leg

Sforza (II), 1:41.25; 5, K Buder (Austria), 1:41.28; 6, U Meier (Austria), 1:41.53; 7, K Andersson (Swell, 1:41.95; 8, M Mogers (Fr.), 1:42.05; 9, N Bonfaid (II), 1:42.25; 10, C Schmidhauser (Swell, 1:42.35; 11, L Kebriova (Cz.), 1:42.65; 12, C Beer (Austria), 1:42.75; 13, O Mogera (Fr.), 1:43.37; 14, N Meirghetti (II), 1:43.98; 15, C Glesser-Bjerner (Swell, 1:43.74, WOMPINS CLART & ALCOHOL. Glasser-Bjerner (Swej, 1:48,74.
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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, M Welliner (Switz), 110pt; 2, V Schneider (Switz), 106: 3, Heas, 92: 4, Certil, 85: 5, MctGrney, 81: 6, M Figin (Switz), 64, MRRS TEAM STANDINGS: 1, Switzerland, 433pt; 2, hely, 373: 3, Austria, 297; 4, W Germany 258; 5, Sweden 135.



Skill and staying power: Erika Hess on her way to her 21st slalom win yesterday.

YACHTING

Lost sailor damage mystery

From Barry Pickthall, Sydney

Hopes of finding Jacques de Roux, the BOC single-handed, round-the-world race entrant, lost 250 miles south of Sydney last Friday, receded over the weekend after an aerial search along 2,000 miles of barren constiline either side of the New South Wales and Victoria border failed to provide any clues to the disappearance of the Class II leader.

De Roux's 50ft yacht, Skolern IV, was towed into Eden by the Anstralian Navy early on Sat-urday, and fellow French competitor, Gay Bernardia, who was one of the first to step aboard her, said that the yacktsman's life-jacket, oilskins and safety-bernam were critical NATIONS CUP STANDINGS (not including women's results from Valzoidana: 1, Switzentund, 975pt: 2, Austria S32-3, Inst., 412; 4, W Garmany, 386; 5, Swedon, 171.

He also reported a half-eaten meal on the galley table. What guzzles race officials however, is the damage sestained to the yacht. While Skotera's hall yacht. While Skolera's hall showed no apparant signs of a collision, Bernardin reported the yacht's rudder was jammed 10 degrees to port, her wheel was buckled and had been removed from its pedestal, and a spinnsker pole lay broken ou deck.

David White, the American sailor, and founder of this 27,000-mile marathen, who arrived in Sydney on Saturday to take sixth place on the second, 6,900-mile stage of the rare from

6,900 mile stage of the race from Cape Town, said of the con-ditions in the infamous strait:

winds. It was scary."

One hour and a half after White's arrival, fellow American, Mike Plant, who had enjoyed a sectional-seck race emptyen a neck-and-upck race across the southern ocean against de Roux, creased the finishing line to take first place in Class II. It was a hollow victory though, and visibly shecked by the loss of his rival, Plant quietly put the celebratory bottle of champagne to one side, bottle of champagne to one side, saying, "No, I don't think I can have that without Jacques

CROSS-COUNTRY

Hutchings gives his voice weight

Another class victory by Tim Another class victory by the Hutchings, this time in the International Athletes' Club event in Cardiff yesterday, will add weight to his criticism of British selection policy for the world track and field champion. ships in Rome next summer. Hutchings, who will be going for the world championship 5,000 metres, heard this week that Jack Buckner has been preselected and that the British Amateur Athletic Board are guaranteeing another place out of the three possibles for any British athlete finishing first or second in the European Cup in Prague two months before

After beating Ireland's Dave Taylor by 80 metres in the HFC-sponsored race over a tight sponsored race over a ugnit course around the grounds of Cardiff Castle, Hutchings voiced the opinion of many people concerning the selection policy when he said: "The European Cup is a bit of a nothing event nowadays. It looks as if the British board are doing this to ensure they get a doing this to ensure they get a good turnout in France. It might be valid for some events, but not for the 5,000 metres, when they are guaranteeing selection on the basis of one race, when the world championships consist of world crampinnships consist of a heat, 'semi' and final. This is a matter we shall certainly talk about at the next IAC com-mittee meeting."

mittee meeting."
Hinchings's criticism is all the more valid for his two third places, in the Commonwealth Games and the European Championships, a few strides behind Buckner on both occasions, But Hutchings's current form led Taylor to say. "I think he is the best cross-country runner in the world at the moment. He's strong and fast."

And that was appreciation from a man who was having his own best run since winning this race when it was last held at Crystal Palace, in 1982. The reason for his sudden resur-gence. Taylor thinks, is his definitive move back to Dublin after several years of commuting to the west coast of the United

States.
Anspicious as the surroundings were, the course was a little too tight for 50 runners. A steady start on a one-kilometre switchback resulted in many class athletes being trapped in the middle of the field and theo playing dodgens to work their way thouse on the next seven

RUGBY UNION

Glennon bridging a seven-year gap for Ireland

Jim Glennon, first capped for Ireland against England at Twickenham in 1980 — he also played against Scotland that year — will bridge a seven-year gap when he wins his third cap against Wales in Cardiff oo January 17.

Glennon, aged 33, is a big

January 17.
Glennon, aged 33, is a big
man in every sense, standing 6ft
4in and troping the scales in
excess of 17st.He is the only
change in personnel from the
team that defeated Romania 60team that deteated Romanis of-0 at the beginning of November. Glenoon is in the second row with Anderson switching to No. 8 — where he played against Scotland last season — for the injured Michael Gibson. The middle of the back row

spot was always going to be s problem for Ireland and even a fit Gibson may not have been a fit Gibson may not have been the answer. Spillane, following a series of injuries, has lost the sparkle of two seasons ago and with limited options the selec-

It was fairly obvious that after the total eclipse of Romania that the selectors, come what may, were determined to keep hith with that team — a perfectly understandable decision irrespective of the standard of the opposition. But it was a decision that made Saturday's trial at Lansdowne Road irrelevant. But that is not an imusual state of affairs and many are of the coince that a trial creates more opinion that a trial creates more problems that it solves. And to a neutral observer who may have braved the bitter cold of a December afternoon and one not familiar with the ways of Irish rugby, the omission of a dark-haired compact outside half from the team to play Wales would have sent him scurrying to ourchase a second newspaper to confirm what his first had revealed, that Tony Ward was

Ireland team Ireland Team

(* Wates, Cardiff, January 17)

H P MacNell (London Iran); T M Ringland
(Ballymena), S J Muffin (Codord Univ), M J

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Bradley (Cork Con); P A Orr (Cod Wester),
H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), D C

Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), P M Matthews
(Wanderses), D S Lanihem (Cork Con,
captain), J J Gaermon (Sterries), H J Cerr
(Ards), W A Anderson (Dungamon),
Reserves: J J McCoy (Bangor), C F

Fitzgerald (St Mary's), P C Cottos
(Lansdowne), J A P Doyle (Greystomes), A

J P Ward (Greystomes), P I Rainey
(Ballymena).

level those around him never achieved. Even a sparse crowd made themselves heard after an electrifying 50-yard dash along the touchline had left many swhite-shirted player grasping a shadow. It was Ward, along with his Greystones clubmate, Tony Doyle, who accounted for all of the Blues (or Possibles) points in their defeat by two goals, one their defeat by two goals, one try, two penalties and one dropped goal to one goal, two penalties and a dropped goal. That they outplayed the Whites half back partnership of Dean and Bradley was not in dispute, but the Lansdowne air was still thick with 10 tries and 60 points achieved in the first Saturday of thick with 10 tries and 60 points achieved in the first Saturday of last mooth against Romania. WHITES: HP McNell (London Irish), (rep: P V Monray (Did Creacent; T W Ringhend (Bellymena), S J Mallin (Oxford Univ), M J Klernen (Dolphin), K O Creasan Instoniens; P is Dean (St Mary's), M T-Bradley (Cork Con); P A On (Old Wesley), H T. Harbson (Bactive Pangers), O C Flizgeraid (Landowne), P M Matthews (Warderers), O G Lamban (Cork Con, captain), W A Anderson (Dungernon), N J Carr (Ardis, S J Spillene (Bohemiana), BUJES: P I Rassay (Balymena); P R Hayence (Terenure), D G Irwin BLUER: F I Raisey (Battymena); P re Haycock (Terènura), G Irrain (natoniana), W H C Hambinson (Malone), G A O'Kelly (Dolphin) (rap: T R McEllaster (Bangor, A J P Ward (Greystones), J A P. Doryle (Greystones); J A Langhroek (Blackorot), C F Pittgaratel (Si Maryl, captain) (rap: 1 P McDoneald (Malone), J 4 McCoy (Bangor), J 6 O'Driecol (London Irishi), J J Holland (Cork Con), J J Glemon (Storries), W R Duncan (Malone), O P Familiog (St Maryl), Herferner D I H Burnett (Leinster). SCOGERRE: Whites: Tries: Ringland (2), aluffin. Conversione: Korran (2). Prepaid goal: Korran, Blues: Try: Doyle. Conversions Ward, Penalities: Ward (2), Dropped goal: Ward.

Longley continues run

Jonathan Longley won for Tonbridge their fourth consecutive Public Schools singles championship when he retained the H K Foster Cup by defeating Alister Robinson, of Marborough, 15-12, 6-15, 15-12, 15-3 in the final at Queen's Club vesterday.

yesterday.

Longley was severely rested oot only by Robinson, but by another gifted Malburian, Guy Barker, in a semi-final pn Sarker, but Longley's extra year's experience told. Barker and Robinson are 16, and both-possess line backhand strokes—

Barker being s classical player, while Robinsoo has an urge for adventure which served him

FIESUR.TS: H K Fueller Cupe Semi-finalis: J Longley (Tonbridge) bt. G W Barler (Mactioorough) 17-14, 10-15, 15-7, 15-5; A J Robinson (Mariborough) bt J W Meyer (Radley) 15-1, 15-8, 12-15, 15-4, Final-Longley bt Robinson 15-12, 8-15, 15-12, 15-3, Ramay Cup Semi-finalise R D Smith-Bingham (Eton) bt J B K Wright (Rugby) 15-11, 15-4, 15-16, 15-5; D M A Brown (Mariborough) bt R M M Cook (Tonbridge) 15-8, 4-15, 15-5, 15-6, Reat: Beven bt Cooke 5-15, 5-15, 15-11, 15-6, 15-12, bridges Welshar Cup Amder 15-b Bloot Inchedon-Wabber Cup (under-16e) Final: R J R Clark (Clifton) bt D R Penfold (Tonkridge) 15-6, 15-0, 15-8.

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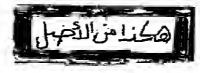
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RUGBY UNION

Precocious North have a style that could be the late Eighties model

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

London.

their coach.

The last time North won a divisional championship England had just won the grand slam and North were full of old heads and experience.Six years later North are champions again and are full of precocious talent playing in a style which could be a model for rugby in the late Eighties and which reflects immense credit on David Robinson,

They took the Thorn EMI trophy at Sudbury on Sat-urday, thrusting London to the bottom of the divisional heap by scoring two goals, four tries and two penalty goals to a goal. And in doing so they posed a pretty problem for the national selectors, who mel in Leicester on Salurday evening to decide on a revised national squad: whether to believe the evidence of the championship and promote players whose normal round is Sheffield. Durham University and Durham City, or to go for the firstclass club experience of Bath,

Wasps or Leicester. North were helped on Saturday by the withdrawal from London's front row of ful for Barbarians on Sat-urday — and an injury in the North's scrum held together

But they played such a fluid game that the set-pieces did not assume the importance they normally do in the English game; they completely dominated the loose ball, Winterbottom having a mar-

a joy to see an English midfield running straight and timing their passes, with two such clinical finishers on the wings as Harrison and Under-wood. Both scored two tries, Harrison thrusting himself right back into contention for an England place even if he joked afterwards about retir-

injured his back in training. Rendall - wbose damaged after London's only heel hamstring makes him doubt- against the head and Harrison

No identity crisis for the Midlands

They talk about players in the divisional championship having difficulty identifying with any-thing so vague as a division. The gist of the matter is: do they perform better when the team is called Harlequins than they do when it is called Slockbroker

It did not seem to be a problem for the Midlands at Leicester on Saturday, despite their two recent defeats. If they had played under the name Corby New Town Casuals they would still have won. Last season I dubbed them Mantell's ers, and they m so effectively again that they beal the South West by a goal and four penalty goals to a try

and Iwo penalties. ling and bold running, they saw to it that the South West never developed any pattero or rhythm. They had no inferiority complex about those vaunted Bath forwards, in tight or loose, and Cusworth, faithfully served by Moon, distributed the ball to bis backs with the hand and eye of a master, besides scoring a

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Hill sent out fine passes and Barnes kicked long distances but they were unable, and sometimes apparently unwilling, to bring the South West backs into

Fightback thwarts Rosslyn

Liverpool/St Helens main-tain their splendid first season of amalgamation (David Hands writes). They came back from a 12-3 deficit to beat Rosslyn Park at Roehampton 15-12 in one of the three John Smith's merit table B games played.

After the Park back row had dominated the first half, Liverpool's dominated the second, Morris setting up a try for Wellans to go with two penalties and a conversion for Simms. Williams, who has moved in from wing to stand-off half after Jeffrey's recruitment to rugby league, dropped the winning

Richmond, who beat Park a week earlier, disposed of Blackheath 28-6 to maintain their third place in the B table. Holman, Kenningham and Heaton scored their tries, and Drane, back at stand-off, kicked Iwo each of conversions, pen-alties and drop goals.

London Welsh, in contrast, got their first merit table win by recovering from a 12-4 deficit to beat London Irish 19-12 at Sunhury. Malucci and Cooke confounded Welsh superiority with tries that were finally overcome by Douglas Itwo), and Greg Thomas.

• If comparative results can be trusted. Saturday confirmed Waterloo's pre-eminence in curreni Northern rugby (Michael Stevenson writes). While they were demolishing Roundhay 36.

3. Ortell were struggling to beat. Wakefield by 16-10, while only a course of weeks are Materiae. a couple of weeks ago Waterloo took 50 points off Wakefield.

Morley have had an excellent record in the Merit Table C. but had no one but themselves to blame for their defeat at the hands of Plymouth Albion. They lost 10-14 (a try and two penalties to two tries and two penalues) but their goal kicker. Kayzer, missed six kickable chances. Harrogate's improved form continues. They enter-tained Hartlepool Rovers, carning a 14-14 draw, and Sandal achieved a club record by beating West Leigh 7-0 for their

vellous match, and their backs went to lown. "We wanted to do this before but we never had the ball." Rob Andrew said. Whal

ing so as to keep his 100 per cent record as a captain this

North's backs complemented the work of their pack, who looked no less effective without Syddall, whose hamstring injury kept him out. The same injury removed Langford from full back before the game. A recurrence of glandular trou-ble affected Colclough and Simon Smith the Ways mine Simon Smith, the Wasps wing,

The visiting backs made the most of seasonal gifts, too, Underwood running back Smith's missed touch-finder

urday — and an injury in the first quarter to Probyn, who strained medial knee ligations where balls against the head), if ments but did not go off until at times illegally when Peters

By Gordon Allan

and finished the match with less than 100 per cent mobility. Egerton and Redman, the best of the South West forwards, South West 10 or the South West forwards, were overshadowed by the likes of Richards, Wells and Orwin, The South West had a breeze in their favour in the first half and, with a penalty by Barnes and a try by Martin on the blind side of a scrum, against two penalties by Hodgkinson, led 7-6 at the interval. Martin would have "scored earlier. On an have 'scored earlier, on an overlap, but the pass went behind him. The most significant fact of this half, though, was that the Midlands did not budge inch at the midlands and the budge inch at the midlands are the budge inch at the midlands.

budge an inch at scrums on their The Midlands try came shortly after half-time. Orwin

on halfway and the ball went across the field, through Wells and Richards, to Cusworth, who opened a gap with a dummy and scored near the posts. The rest was mainly scrappiness and With a mixture of hard tackpenalties, apart from disallowed tries by Evans and Martin.

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Moon; L Johnson | Coventry), B Moore, G
Pearce (Northampon), J Wells (Leicester).
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SOUTH WEST (Bath unless stated): J
Webb (Bristol); A Swift, S Haillday, R
Kribbs | Bristol), C Martin; S Barnes, R
Hill; R Lee, G Dawe, G Chilcott, J Gadd
(Gloucaster), J Morrison, N Redmen, A
Robinson, D Egerton,
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and handling game

By Michael Stevenson

Headingley..... Headingley's Northern Merit table victory over Sale at Brooklands on Saturday by a goal, two tries and three pen-alties to a goal, two tries and two penalties was not just a victory for the club. It was a triumph for

running and handling rugby football. Both sides had half of their first-choice players absent for various reasons and there were two replacements. Nevertheless the game flowed admirably, especially when the Headingley backs were operating, and it was their devout wish to keep the ball alive whenever possible that

Scanlon's decisive try

By David Hands

Warwickshire...

Eastern Counties 0

A try by Martin Scanlon, their scrum half, brought Warwick-shire the National Westminster Bank Shield in the final of the colts county championship at

Twickenham on Saturday. In a thoroughly sporting and enjoyable contest, the strengths both sides - at forward tended to cancel each other out, but the slight advantage won by Warwickshire, who played seven members of the Barkers' Butis club, was enough to keep Eastern Counties at arm's

Scanlon's try came from a five-metre scrum just before the interval and Inough the Counties went straight back to force a

series of attacking scrums, they were kept out. In the second half Joe Hancock, son of Andy, the scorer of a legendary England try against Scotland 21 years ago, was able to stretch his legs but, unlike his father, could not

ago, was able to struct his acts but, unlike his father, could not manage a decisive score.

SCORER: Warwickshire: Try: Scanton. WARWICKSHIRE: A Moffatt (Leamington); R Lindsey (Solinull). J Russell (Solinull). A Warwood (Lecester). J Cockerill | Newhold-un-Avinn): 1 Tunnicliffe (Barkers' Butts). M Scanton (Barkers' Butts). R Hardwick (Barkers' Butts). B Talwam (Barkers' Butts). D Oram (Solinull). J Hyde (Coventry). D Androou (Barkers' Butts). R Cadavay (Barkers' Butts). L Jones (Barkers' Butts). EASTERN COURTIES: A Payme (Sudbury): P Watts (Ipswich YMCA). S Moore (Woodlord). G Barnett (Colchester). J Hancock (Shelford): M Gallop (Newmarker). M Sooit (Fakenham); M Coombea (Harlow). J Locke (Harlow). I Dunston (Romford and GP). D Williams (Bury S' Fermunds). M Kent (Upper Clepton). R Crefton (Harlow). C Tarbuck (Harlow). M Rails (Shelford).



Once he had achieved that he could give Simms and Carling their head; and bow well they played. Carling showed speed and decision going into the gap and he is strong enough to stand up in tackles until his support arrives. His passing must make bim a joy to play outside and with Williams adding a deft touch in attack (though not so deft in defence) North's triumph was complete.

Playing into the sun and wind in the first balf, they led 14-6 at the interval. London owing their six points to a long kick by Lozowski which Wil-liams was slow to field and clear, his kick arriving at the same time as Offiah, who smartly seized the ball and stretched over the line. Williams might be said to bave gained his revenge, a perfect head-on tackle removing Offiah from the game with five

Andrew played an important role in North's next two tries with both hand and foot and Harrison was only a metre short of a third after Carling's forceful break. Any hopes London had of a

revival died in the first minute of the second half when Smith's chip went straight to Winterbottom and the feed sent Underwood to the line. Another perfect pass from Carling gave Underwood his second try, the ability of North's backs to pass under pressure remaining a feature of the game.

Macfarlane, who made an impressive debut at this level, collected the last try from a five-metre scrum drive and if Andrew had collected his usual percentage of goals the tally would have neared 50.

SCORERS: Morth: Tries: Harrison (2), Underwood (2), Simms, Mactarlene. Companyions: Aprillow (2), Pennetties: An-

Conversions; Andrew (2), Penellijes: Andrew (2), London: Try: Offich. Conversions: Smith.

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Pellow), J Sahapon | Harricquins), R
Lozywski, M Balley; S M Smith (Richmand), S Banes; P Examinigh (Blackheath), A Simmons, J Probyn (rep: J Kingston, Harricquins), K Mocs, C
Planegar, S O'Leary, M Righy, M Roce.
NORTH: P Williams (Ornell; M Hatrison (Waterlett), K Simms (Wasps), M Carling (Durham University), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Holmes (Shelfield); M Whitesesbe (Bedford), M Femwick (Durham Crty), a Peters (Waterloo), P Sispeon (Egith), N Wildetsen (Waterloo). D Cusani | Ornell), P Winterbottom | Headingley), A Mactariane (Fylde).

ee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bury SI Edmunds 12, Col-chester 17; Ipswich 9, Norwich 4; Stowmarket 12, Camplon 31; Wast Nor-tok 12, Chingford 24; Woodford 18, Sucoury 5, 100 (19)

Triumph for running

came from the winners, for

came from the winners, for whom Eagle, the Headingley right wing, had a scintillating match after a long lay-off caused by hamstring trouble.

It was 10-10 at half-time. Thomas's first try from a chip by Rafferty was immediately followed by slick chain-passing and a try from Eagle, two well-struck penalties by Roberts, sandwiching a second try by Thomas, which was made by Kenrick and Campbell, and was converted by Gee.

A brilliant drive by Kenrick and lobbed pass made No. 3 for Thomas but there the good news

and fobbed pass made No. 3 for Thomas but there the good news ended for Sale. A penalty and the conversion of a try by the full back Appleson was followed by a brilliant individual try by Eagle. Sale's only other score

ball alive whenever possible that distinguished them from their opponents, who regularly cut inside to carry play back into the packs.

There were two outstanding performances for Sale. Their young Nn. 8, Kenrick, was magnificent and their fine wing, Hugh Thomas. Perhaps the fastest in the North, scored three tries.

Even so, the game's most accomplished performance in the Roberts (Bouley), Margnawa, R Sakur.

Eagle. Sale's only other score was a tate penalty by Gre. Score was a tate penalt



Cwmtillery, the only junior district side left in the Schweppes Welsh Cup not directly affiliated to the Welsh Rugby Union, felt bopeful of a favourable result.

They had lost only one moreh

They had lost only one match this season while their oppo-nents had lost 14. They were on their own patch which, one nr two of their supporters were happy to point out with a wry smile beforehand, was a yard or two short of the required width. Training had gone well and a couple of former first-class stalwarts had returned bome to give

a belping hand. Quite a lot then seemed to be going for the Gwent village side. But a hefry wind knifed its way down the valley, one which could cut a man to the bone, and was destined also to cut the game, need I say, ioto two halves.

"Oh, it rests now, doesn't it,"
said the man, holding his hat's
brim close to his nose "on the
toss of the com". It had, quite
simply, despite all the coaching and the fervour, boiled down to that. If Cwmtillery had a chance toss, the sagacious sages said.
"We want the wind in the second half... blowing us down to the town." They were, of

first half. The match was won in the dressing-room.

By calling the coin, Ray Giles made certain that it was not the only thing be was to win. He would defend the town in the first half and stip easily towards it in the second. They won in the end by five goals and a try to a penalty.

The home side did their best and spent the first 15 minutes and spent the first 15 minutes pluckily attacking Aberavon's line. Paul kicked them into the lead with a penalty. Then Fauvel O'Callaghan and Wigley took effective control of the match so that Giles could win them the game. He was the mainstrains of everything they mainspring of everything they did. In a 10-minute spell they scored three tries through Devonald, Peter Jones and Grif-

fiths, Iwo of which Lewis Converted.

The home team lost their captain, Burgham, and Paul had to play at scrum half but all hope had already gone.

Abersvon: Tries: J Devonald, P Jones, J Christins, P Tromas (2), 0 Wigley, Conversions: M Lewis (5), CWMTILLERY: N Paul: K Meredith, A Blake, K Allen, P Davies; L Davies, J Burgham (rep: M Stokes): & Cripps, G Pinocci, M Calms (rep: P Chepman), G Crooner H Event M Generale C Membra

Cooper, H Evans, M Greaves, C Howells, R Clark, ABERAVON: J Griffiths; P Jones, S Jones, J Devonsid, R Diplock: M Lewis, R Glies; Il Joseph, & James, P Thomas, Il Wigley, M Watts, A Martin, O'Calfighan, T Fauvel, Referee: C Thomas (Neath).

A shining example

Newbridge ..

Gowerton ... Gowerton had their moment in the sun - but it was fleeting. Their hopes flickered brightly but fitfully before they were

but fitfully before they were sunk by the superior technique and fitness of opponents who won through comfortably into the third round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup.

Gowerton had travelled optimistically from the West, full of bravado and wily strategems, but they succumbed by five tries and two penalries to one try.

They had banked on the long accurate touch-finding of Griffiths at stand-off half and the power of their burly centres.

power of their burly centres, Williams and Simons, to puncture the Newbridge defence. Unfortunately their forwards could not win enough clean possession. Instead, the Gowerton midfield were called on constantly to use their considerable destructive powers and they were seen at their best as they crash-tackled the heart out of many a promising Newbridge

Despite the thorough drubbing the Gowerton forwards were given by the predominant Newbridge eight, they stuck gamely to their thankless task right to the end and lived

THORN EMI DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP

Second round

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came their way.
Newbridge's biggest failing
was that their kickers could convert none of their five tries.

Three fairly simple penalty chances were missed before goal-kicking attempts were abandoned. commendable Newbridge No. 8. Taylor.
scored the opening try and penalty goals by Williams and Bow gave Newbridge a 10-0 lead at the interval. Thomas and Collins added tries before Hayward collected Gowerton's only score, a well-constructed try. As

Gowerton tired in the last quarter Bow and Thomas ran in the final tries. Libe Timal Tries.

SCORERS: Nembridges: Tries: Taylor, Thomas (2), Collins, Bow. Pensity Goels: Wilsoms, Bow. Gowerton: Try: Hayward. NEWBRIDGE: W Bow? A Thomas, S Crandon, I Goslin, O Hussey; P Wilsoms, L Davies; N Foote, R Clayton, M Sinthorpe, P Jones, R Smith, S Harns (rpc: T Collins). S James, H Taylor (rep: J Ransom). GOWERTON: M Rees: R Symes, J Wilsoms, M Strone, K Hayward; R Griffiths, C Davies: G Lloyd, L Evans, J Knox, A Laws, Il Richards, N Davies, G Evans, R Green.

The draw for the third round of the Schweppes Cup competition to be played on Saturday, January 24:
Portypridd v South Wales Pokee; Maesteg v Swannes; Cardiff v Llanharan; Bridgerd v Ethe Vale; Newport v University College, Swanses; Portypool v Aberavon; Neeth v Llanelli; Stamorgan Wanderers v Newbridge.

Harlequins By Peter Dixon Harlequins ..

Smash-and-grab at Sudbury: Underwood does the smashing and Offiah the grabbing as the former goes for his second try. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Comfortable thrugh their vic-tory was in the end, Harlequins made heavy weather of dispos-ing of what was effectively Bath's second team at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, With almost their whole first team on duty in the Thorn-EMI divisional championship and

Palmer out injured. Bath were faced with a tall order against a side leading the John Smith's Merit Table A and with 15 wins out of 18 matches already under their belt.
Although Harlequins were missing Salmon, also to the divisional championsbip, and divisional championsbip, and Rose through injury, the mere presence of Loveridge at scrum balf is enough to lift any side. The former All Black did not disappoint. His passes, fast and accurate, gave Thompson plenty of time at stand-off to launch bis backs on a series of raids and when he chose to kick he invariably caused his opponent problems.

Totally unintimidated by their more experienced opposite numbers, the backs tackled superbly and counter-attacked with confidence. In the for-

wards, Cronin, a lock, was outstanding. Big and fast, he dominated the line-out Yet despite Bath's resistance, Harlequins always had the edge. After Garren had levelled the scores at 3-3 with a penalty following Cue's fifteenth minute dropped goal, the hosts were never again behind. At half-time they led 7-3, although with Garrett's three penalty attempts and a conversion going begging, they should bave been

Garrett increased the lead with another penalty 15 minutes into the second half, but Burr's converted try after Blackett's solo run on the left wing cut the deficit to one point.

Both sides were playing fast, open rugby, running the ball from all angles. There were inevitably mistakes, but it was joyous to watch as the wings and full backs took advantage of ideal conditions to stretch their legs.
With 15 minutes to go, however, Harlequins finally started

to pull away. Garrett landed another penalty before Smith and Dent, the two centres, crossed the line for well-worked Iries,
SCORERS: Harlequina: Tries: Garrett,
Srwith, Dem. Conversions: Garrett (2).
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HARLEQUINS: M Garrett: S Hunter. A
Dem. C Smith, E Davies: A Thompson, II
Loveridge; P Curtis, 8 Geog, M Hobley, P
Astworth, N O'Brien, M Bitanchard, E
Weekes, O Cooke.
BATH: A James: G Stamton, 2 Cundy, J
Guscott, P Blackett, P Cue. S Knight: C
Lilley, J Deane, C Folland, C Blake, O
Cronin, K Withey, A Burrr, C Bevan.
Referee: A Mason.

WEEKEND RUGBY RESULTS

IRISH FINAL TRIAL

ONFORDSHERE MERIT TABLE: Oxford Marathon 50. AERE Harewell 0. SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Eastbourne 3, Lewes 30. Worthing 20. Brighton 0. TRUMAN OLD BOYS MERIT TABLE: Old Brenwoods 16. Old Bealonians 0. Old

Westey 4, CHYMS 4; St Mary 6 10, Bangor 6.

NORTH: Club statiches: Barnsley 20.
Roundhegians 0; Chesterfield 4, Camp Hill 12; Orthalio 3. Brothington 21; Goole 0.
Wath 14; Hemsworth 35, Littleborough 7; likley 23, Sheffield Tigers 3; lonians 3.
Bevarley 53; Knottungley 8, Pomafract 12; Market Rasen 19, Marsti 13; Old Crossleyans 3, Rotherham 7; Old Hymer Ians 10. Cleckheelon 0; Pockingen 9, York RI 13; Starborough 12, York 13; Scunthorpe 6, Newark 32; Seiby 4, Doncaster 14; Thomensains 11, Keghtey 6; Wheatey Hils 39, Grimsby 6; Astion-under-Lyne 9, Bowdon 13; Aspull 22, Ruskin Park 7; Broughton Park 28, Haltax 12; Caldy 7, Leigh 3; Camforth 18, Carliste 6; Devemport 29, Wolverhampton 13; Giossop 13, Ecciles 10; Harrogate 14, Hartispool Rovers 14; Hudderstield 6, Preston Grasshoppers 20; Hulf and East Ruing 12, Middlesbrough 25; Laek 0, Congleton 3; Mid-Chestina College 4, Sandbach 6; Mold 32, Old Instonens 0; Old Aldwinsers 11, Blackpool 16; Old Bedlans 16, Moore 0; Seogley Park 12, Lymm 11; West Park 15, Manchesser 16; Whitelaxen 9, Vickers 10; Wireslow 19, Stoka 10; Winnington Park 26, Old Probables 25 Possibles 15 GIROBANK LEAGUE: North West Ol-vision 1: Widnes, 25 Wigan B. North West Division 2: Rochdale 31, Heston Moor 0. Division 2: Rochdale 31, Mestor Moor 0.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Henley 7, Abbey 10;
Reading 15. Guidhord and Godelming 3.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTES
MERIT TABLE: Maidstone 18. Thurrock 4;
Streatham/Croydon 16, Skicup 8.

HJNTING GATES HERTS MERIT TABLE:
Becaviere 18. Bistop's Stortford 3;
Harpenden 4, Old Albanians 4; Old Astantoleans 0, St Albans 0; Watford 29,
East Herrs College 0. East Herts College 0. BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Brom-Whitehaven 9, Vickers 10, Wilmstow 19, Stoka 10, Winnington Park 26, Old Parkoniane 5. boo nauso kert menti Tabile: grontley 3. Medway 23. Charition Park 7.
Gitingham Anchonans 30: Old Collelans
54. Tonbridge 0.
FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT
TABILE: Civil Service 9, Hendon 31; Esting
9. Russip 6; Finchley 49, Osterley 6;
Starres 16, Twickenham 24.
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Parkonigne 5.

LOHDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Askeans 27. Puriey 6; Bank of England 19. Old Reedonians D; Bentersee krosides 13. Bec OB 11; Betteshenger CW 22, Deal Wanderers D; Bournermouth 4. Bristof Utd 14. Zurgess Hill 26. East Grinstead II 9. Camberley 13. Eastleigh 6; Centeurs 40. Feltham 6; Chipstead 0, Bognor 10; Daritfordians 22. Sevencalus 0; Dorlung 3, Crowboroush 0; Dover 25. Orpingnon 0; Effingham 0, Famham 7, Ey 0, Romford and Gidee Park 20; Erth 18. Shriey Wanderers 22; Esner 7 Guy's

Loveridge Bristol show merit inspires in every phase By Nicholas Keith

Bristol.. Leicester It was soon obvious why Leicester had this game de-merited. Yet nothing must be taken away from Bristol, who

badly needed to win and eclipsed Leicester in every phase.
Bristni scored eight tries and could have finished in the 50s if Woodman's kicking had been serviceable - he missed six and raised his arm to the crowd at the two he kicked — if he had nn dropped the ball as he went over once and if the home centres had always kept the ball

moving.

In the pack the front three won handsomely, taking several heels against the head. Skuse manopolized the lineouts and Dun was everywhere in the loose, Behind them, Harding showed a refreshing eagerness to spin the ball, often missing his stand-off half and inside centre.

The headlines were writ buge on the wall for Leicester after 12 minutes when Bogira had scored a rare try, Thomas had kicked a For Bath's understudies, bowever, the match provided the Codorniou Edinburgh

inspires **Toulouse** Toulouse's stream of talented three quarters - even keeping Bonneval's outstanding fir ishing power on the bench and still winning by four tries to oone against Wests, from Bris-bane — will be the Romanian club Constanta's biggest head-ache in tomorrow's Masters

club final (Chris Thau writes). Constanta, who beat Agen, another French club, 10-3 in the other semi-final through a goal and try to one French penalty. will have to find a way to contain Codorniou and Charver if they are to continue their giant-killing act.

The creative genius of Cod-omiou has found fertile ground at Toulouse after bis controver-sial transfer from Marbonne at the beginning of the season. He proved the outstanding player in Toulouse's 27-3 over the Australians Codomiou played a part ralians. Codorniou played a part in all the four tries by Noves, Rouge-Thnmas, Rancoule and Charvel — the best being when he intercepted an Australian pass in the Toulouse 22 with clinical precision and missed Charvel out to find Noves. The wing then moved the ball inside to Charvet who out-struct the

to Charvet who out-sprinted the Australian defence. The Australian side, re-inforced by Calcraft, the Wal-laby flanker, despite their lack of match fitness, were willing allies in an enthrailing open game, but were overwhelmed by the French champions, who must now be heavy favouries tomorrow to overcome the Roma-

Hosp 9: Esher XV 0. Quintin 21; Grasshoppers 12. Old Meadonians 6; Graveshard 27. Old arcicleans 15; Greenwich 22. Redbridge 7: Hammersmith and Fulham 6. Old Islewortmans 22: Hampey 28, Old Tostonians 6; Harlow 34. Wethyrin 12; Harnow 7. Aylesbury 16; Havant 45; Gosport and Fareham 3: Hardord 4, Southand 3; High Wycombe 29. Windson 3; HAC 21; Barl's Hosp 14; Hemel Hempstead 14. Oxford 08, 25; Hitchin 7, Cambnoge 21; Leighton Buzzard 10. Cheshunt 18; London New Zealand 4, Rosstyn Park XXX (bb 14, Maiderhead 9, Marlow 12; Matcham 37, Lloyds Bank 6; Mel Police 11 7, Tabard 25; Nat West Bank 16; Folkestone 31; Newbury 19, Old Emanuel 4, Newmarket 22; Harwich 8; Old Abbotstonians 33; Phoenix 0; Old Geochamians 16; Turbridge Wells 19; Old Cantabrigians 3, Saffron Walden 4; Old Crydonians 4, Old Walcourbians 54; Old Cartabrigians 6; Old Secochamians 31; Newburs 54; Old Cartabrigians 7; Albridge and Berkhill 9; Old Haberdashers 22; Old Millinitens 9; Old Hampronians 27; Old Carnaleighams 11; Old Haberdashers 22; Old Carnaleighams 11; Old Haberdashers 27; Old Carnaleighams 11; Old Haberdashers 28; Old Cartabrighams 11; Old Haberdashers 28; Old Cartabrighams 11; Old Karoshurane 16; Old Elizabethams 11; Paulines 10. KCS OB 15; Old Pethamians 26, Old Johnans 8.

ULSTER SENTOR LEAGUE: Section Two: Academy 16 Armagh 0. Club Games: Instonians 26. UCC 16; Rainey OB 3. Dungamon 6: Ards 15. Portadown 9: City of Deny 13, NIFC 4; Malone 17, Clontari 12, Collegians 5, Ballymena 24; Old Wasley 4, CIYMS 4; St Mary'e 10, Bangor 6. Juddans 42, Hestings and Bekinti 9; Old Haberdashers 22, Old Mithilitiens 9; Old Hampionians 27, Old Mithilitiens 9; Old Hampionians 27, Old Caralleighans 11; Old Kingsburnans 16, Old Holgabans 15, Old Mid-Wintgiftians 9; Old Ridgabans 15, Old Mid-Wintgiftians 9; Old Ridgabans 18, Lensbury 12: Old Tiffinians 6, Old Blues 21; Old Verulanians 28, Royston 9; Old Westerthians 21, Bancroft C, Old Wintgiftians 27, Warlingham 13; Old Wimbiedonians 10, John Fisher OB 3; Oxford 37, Solkuli 6; Rosslvin Park XV 13, Sudbury Court 30; Roueth Manter OB 16, Staines 10; Salesbury 17, Portsmouth 4, Sidcup Ex 1st 5, Merton 10; Southsmoton 11, Mithrook 7; Stockwood Park 10, Leiterworth 0; UCS OB 26, Battersea ironsides 0; University Vandals 10, Old Thamesans 0; Uprainster 13, Old Grammarians 0; Uprainster 13, Old Grammarians 0; Uprainster 19; Wanstead 0, Mer Pofice (Chiqueell 21; Westcombe Park 0, Sunon and Exporn 4; Wheathey 7, Burthingham 9; Wimbledon 9, Crawley 10; Wimborne 30, Trojans 0; Winchester 6, Alton 13.

penalty and Hare had been caught under his posts to let in Woodman on the left. Woodman on the left.

Then Harding scored twice; the second try was the best of the match as he exchanged passes with Dun up the right-hand side. Woodman converted Pomphrey's try from a tap penalty to make the score 25-0 at half-time.

There was little change in the second half, even after the departure of Polledri in the ninth minute and Pomphrey moved to the back row. Woodman scored another try after a series of assaults and converted one by Watson before Hare upened Leicester's account with a penalty, Carr closed Bristol's and Marrintt scored belatedly

for Leicester in injury time with a conversion by Hare. sconers: Bristol: Tries: Woodman (2). Harding (2), Bogra, Pomphyoy, Watson, Carr. Conversions: Woodman (2). Penalty: Thomas, Leicester: Try: Marriott. Conversion: Hare, Penalty: Hare, BRISTOL: a Whitehead; J Carr. J Watson, G Williams, O Woodman; G Thomas, R Harding; C Phillips, K Bogra, O Hickey, A Dun, N Pomphrey, M Skuse, P Polled (rep: P Adams), P Collings.
LEICESTER: W Hare; K Williams, I Bates, T Buttmore, C Dexter: J Harns, N Youngs; R French, H Roberts, W Hichardson, A Marriott, M Foulese-Amold, Il Smith, R Tebbut, M Charles.
Referee: O Hudson [Menchester]. for Leicester in injury time with

must pull socks up

By Ian McLauchian

Edinburgh beat Anglo-Scots by 17-10 and set themselves up for next Saturday's decider in the McEwan's inter-district championship against South of Scotland. In perfect conditions at Myreside the visitors started off briskly, Patterson-Brown opening the scoring with a try after 11 minutes, fallowing good ruck ball from his forwards and Cushing's clever use of the blind

side.
Though struggling in the set scrum. Edinburgh were slowly gaining the upper hand but were not helped by Gavin Hastings. who was having an off day with bis place-kicking. It was left in Wylie to open the home account with a drop goal. After 38 minutes Gavin Hastings at last found his range with a penalty to put his side 6-4 ahead at the break.

Edinburgh started the second half with more purpose. McAslan notched a try and gave Gavin Hastings another penalty to put the bome side comfariably ahead. Wilb four minutes and anead. Will four minutes remaining. Edinburgh were attacking strongly but Fisken fumbled and Beazley, the Anglos' winger, showed skill and pace as he hacked and chased the ball from inside his own 22 to score at the other end. Irvine converted.

With some five minutes of injury time played, Gavin Has-lings won the race to a kick ahead for a try which made the result more respectable.

For Edinburgh the twins, Finley and Jim Calder, were again outstanding while the half-backs, Scott and Wiley. looked comfortable and used the pace of Scott Hastings and McAslan to good effect. A much better all-round performance will be required if they are to

beat South of Scotland. In the other McEwan's interdistrict game Glasgow defeated North and Midlands by 27-10, thereby leaving the highlanders

with the wooden spoon. Glasgow opened the scoring through a MacGregor penalty after five minutes but Marshall equalized with a similar award two minutes later. The score remained tied until 37 minutes when the home forwards drove Busby, then Parker, over for two in three minutes. MacGregor converted the first

to give his side a 13-3 lead. Two minutes into the second perind Robertson and Manning combined to give Parker bis second try, which MacGregor also converted. North and Midlands bit back briefly when a Macartney kick ahead let Troup in for a touchdown and Mar-shall kicked a penalty. Glasgow. however, finished nn a high note, with Manning and

MacGregor scoring tries. SCOTTISH INTER-DISTRICT

RACING

With Wayward Lad, Badsworth Boy and The Mighty Mac all rapidly approaching 12, Monica Dickinson, their astute trainer, must be acutely aware that the quality end of her steeplechasing team now has a rather lop-sided look in terms of age.

If the Harewood stable is to maintain its position as one of the leading chasing yards in the country. Mrs Dickinson will be looking to the likes of A Sure Row, who runs at Kelso today, to fill the void which will be left when the aforementioned trio end their rac-

ing days. A useful novice hurdler in 1984, when trained by Sally Oliver, A Sure Row has run only four times since being transferred to Harewood midway through the 1984-85

The Saint Denys gelding won his only hurdle race for the stable at Wetherby in February of that season but was switched to fences last season, when be created a most favourable impression io winning his only races from good novice opposition at Bangor and Haydock.

A cracked shin-bone kept A Sure Row off the racecourse after January until last month wheo he reappeared at Haydock Looking very much in need of the race, the sevenyear-old was far from disgraced in failing to concede weight to Bucko and King Jo.

The runner-up and Johns Present, a distant fourth, have both won their only subsequent starts while Bucko was still going well in the SGB Chase nine days ago when falling at the twelfth.

A Sure Row faces experienced handicappers in the Keilder Handicap Chase this afternooo but, with that promising Haydock run under his belt, it will be disappointing if he cannot give weight and a beating to The Divider and Preben Fur.

My other principal fancies at the Scottish track are Pat's Jester (12.15) and Milesian Dancer (1.15) in the two novice hurdles. The latter ran particularly well to get within four lengths of the muchvaunted Raodolph Place at Carlisle oo Thursday and the fact that he runs again so sooo looks significant.

woo his previous race at Ayr,

started a 20-1 shot for the Triumph Hurdle Trial at Cheltenham earlier this month but belied that price by finishing second to Ghofar. He faces a less demanding task

today. At Towcester, I will be most interested to see how Corbitt Coins fares on her chasing debut. By Deep Run out of a Laurence O mare, she has always looked as if she would not come into her own until tackling fences.

She is reported to have schooled particularly well and, in receipt of 12lb from Steel Yeoman, Corbitt Coins has an excellent opportunity to improve Fulke Walwyn's already excellent record at the Northamptonshire track in the first division of the Mistletoe Novices' Chase.

None Too Dear, an impressive winner here last month, goes unpenalized in the first divisioo of the Christmas Pudding Novices' Hurdle as that success was gained in a conditional jockeys' race. However, I give marginal preference to another consisteot sort in Vital Boy, who chased home Avoport in a fair Pat's Jester, despite having novice hurdle at Haydock



High flyers: Peter Scudamore and High Knowl take to the air on their way to a 15-length victory in Chepstow's Finale Hurdle (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

TOWCESTER

Selections By Mandarin

12.30 Vital Boy. 1.00 Corbitt Coins.

2.30 Turkana. 3.00 Charlies Cottage.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 TOIRDEALBHACH (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 HARRY'S BAR.

Going: soft

12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £895; 2m) (17 runners) C Cox (4) 0 KING'S ADVOCATE (R Norton) A P Jarvis 4-10-11 ______ T Jarvis 0 MEDICAN MILL (Mrs A Chatten) II Ringer 4-10-11 ______ J Barlow 4P-2122 NONE TOO DEAR (CD,BF) (S Adams) G B Selding 4-10-11 ______ A Charlon (7) PAPANGENO (Mrs G Grant) Mrs J Croft 5-10-11 ______ OF3-000 SALORS REWARD (F Carter) J King 4-10-11.
THORN PIRATE (N Gardner) F T Winter 5-10-11
20/400-0 TOURI DE FORCE (Mrs O Strause) P Mekin 6-10-11.
320-322 VITAL BOY (D Russe) R Holder 5-10-11 74 88 99 7-2

FORM BROCKMOUNT (11-0), can improve from his first outing, 6th beaten 28 to Robin Goodfellow (11-8) at Sendown (2m, £3043, good to soft, Nov 28, 12 ran), CONDECTE BOY (11-0) att, will be better for the outing when beaten 23½1 to Robin Goodfellow (11-0) at Newbury (2m, £3059, good, Nov 5, ran), CRIMSON BOLD (10-11) 8th beaten 24½1 to Trivian (11-3) at Fontwell (2m, £3655, good to soft, Dec 2, 12 ran), KINGS ADVOCATE (10-8) 7th beaten 32 to Troonan Broker (10-10) at Kempton (2m, £440, god, Nov 6, 13 ran), NONE TOO DEAR (11-10) 2th Desater 25 to the useful Keynes (11-10) 4th Phrompton (2m, £340, god, Cool (11-10) 4th Desaten 12 to the useful Keynes (11-10) 4th Phrompton (2m, £340, god, Nov 9, 17 ran), VITAL BOY (10-7) 2nd, kept on well; beaten 11 to Avoport (10-7) at Haydock (2m 44, £1352, good to soft Dec 10, 16 ran). ft, Dec 10, 16 ran). Section: NONE TOO DEAR

1.0 MISTLETOE NOVICES' CHASE (Div I: £1,254: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

81 7-1 S McNell 40F/USF JUBILEE LIGHTS (V) (8 Gordon) P Richard 9-11-PREMON'S LAST (Mrs J Lawis) J Old 10-11-0. LING SONG (C S 31 PEPPPO TOLICOR (A Steven) O Ancil 6-11-0...
34 9094-D0 CORBITT CONIS (8F) (Mrs. J. Corbett) F Walwyn 5-10-8.
35 2000-0F ERICA SUPERBA (I Buchan) P Baley 6-10-9...
37 40TF-30 SWAG JACKET (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 6-10-8... 1985: FUDGE DELIGHT 5-11-0 S Sherwood (7-4) O Sherwood 14 ran

FORM STEEL YEOMAN (10-7) won 6 from Ton Below (11-2) at Plumpton (3m 11, £1637, soft, Dec 9, 13 22804, soft, Dec 4, 14 ran). GENERAL SANDY (10-12) 3rd beaten 26% to Spartan Orient (11-3) at Utioxeter (3m 2, 22804, soft, Dec 4, 14 ran). IVOR ANTHONY (11-3) and beaten 41 to Glenside Jerry (11-3) at Towcester (2m 5, £1237, good, Nov 13, 12 ran). JUBILLE LIGHTS latest fell 3 cut, earlier (11-0) 3rd beaten 57 to Gay Rascal (11-0) at Towcester (2m 5f, £1237, good, Nov 29, 3 ran). CORBSTT COMS (10-8), mates her debut over fences today, 6h beaten 20% to Bucksides Best (11-0) at Scholmer (2m 5f, £4682, 2m od to soft, Nov 28, 11 ran). SWAG JACKET (10-9) 5th beaten 37 to Glenside Jerry (11-7) at Towcester (2m 5f, £1305, good, Nov 29, 10 ran).

ran). Selection: STEEL YEOMAN

1.30 TURKEY AND HAM SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,018: 2m) (12 runners) E de Henn
P Murphy
L Harvey
R Million
Scudamore 96 6-1 86 10-1 81 12-1 76 — S Mitchell (7) 000-P94 CHARSE LONGUE (C Wright) H O'Noill 10-7 3 RAMMLE (Mass A Sykes) J Etherington 10-7... 00 RAVENSCRAIG (D St Clark) II Grassell 10-7... 042003 SAUCY SPRITE (R Norton) A P Jarvis 10-7... 1965: STORNY MONARCH 4-11-5 G Jones (5-2 fav) G H Jones 11 ran

FORM BOSWORTH BOY (10-10) 11th, never e factor, beaten over 70t to Yeoman Broker (2m 4t, £1615, good, Nov 6, 13 ran), BROKERS CHOICE (10-7) has been running at better company, 12th to Comeragh King (10-8) at Wetherby (2m 4t, £1070, good, Oct 31, 21 ran), DONNA'S BOY (10-12), well beaten, 2nd 12 thinhof Arena Auction (10-12) at Taxition (2m 1t, £381, good to soft, Dec 4, 9 ran), TRACK MARSHALL was held at this time when fell 3 out, earlier (10-10) won 2% from Reluction 6th (10-5) at Hereford (2m, £315, good to soft, Dec 12, 13 ran), RAMINLE (11-0) 3rd, ran with promise, beaten 81 to Aunt Etxy (10-4) at Hereford (2m, £348, good to soft, Dec 12, 13 ran), RAMINLE (11-0) 3rd, ran with promise, beaten 81 to Beau Dira (10-7) at Humingdon (2m, £1368, good to soft, Dec 10, 22 ran), SAUCY SPRITE (10-5) 4th beaten 10% to Downtown Charlie (10-9) at Southwell (2m 44, £758, good to soft, Nov 18, 15 ran).

Selection: RAMINLE

Course specialists

KELSO

Selections By Mandario

1.45 A SURE ROW (nap).

12.15 Pat's Jester.

By Michael Seely 1.45 A Sure Row. 2.45 Absonant.

Going: soft

12.15 CHARTERHALL JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (10 runners) 312 PAT'S JESTER (D) (R P Adam Ltd) R Alian 11-4 R Lamb 0 33 F4-5 321204 BRANKTON LYN (CO) (C Lae) O Lee 10-13.

10 COME POUR THE WINE (D) (E Altineon) H Wherton 10-13.

BONNE MUT (D Smith) Denys Smith 10-12.

P DONNEK (Miss N Brown) D Yeoman 10-12.

4 BUNLORING (J Tennant) G Moore 10-12.

2 ELEGANT GUEST (Mrs S O'Nell) J J O'Nell 10-12.

PEARL FISHER (Mrs S O'Nell) J J O'Nell 10-12. ... O Thompson ... P A Farrall (4) -- 20-1 -- 25-1 ... C Grand 1965: YELLOW BEAR 10-12 A Stringer (20-1) J Parkes 18 ran 12.45 ELIBANK SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (9785: 2m 196wf) (8 runners)

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	1	OP-4P24	SUPER SOLO (CD) (LI-Col W Montelth) P Montelth 10-11-10 II Nolan	_	F3
	3	1P4/0U4-	BARTON CROSS (J Skelton) J Skelton 12-11-7	_	14
	4	4104124	CORKER (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-11-7 TP White (7)	9 59	9
	5	0200-40	REAY'S SONG (CD) (M Naughton) M Naughton 12-11-4	93	8
	6	040144	SLIEVE BRACKEN (B) (W Bethell) P Blockley 10-11-2	95	6
	6	U4F00P	RONAN-PAUL (C Bird) S Leadbetter 13-11-1	25	20
	6	4120-10	DR GUILLOTRIE (I Deigleish) W Fairgrieve 11-10-8 J K Kinene	92	7
	10	F33004	MOONLIGHTING (K Half) J Parkes 8-10-2	50	16
			1985: MISS TALLI 6-10-0 C Grant (8-1) R Hartop 3 run		

Course specialists

E Robson Mrs M Dickinson Denys Smith Mrs M Reveley W A Stepheneon R Alten	TRAINER Winners 6 3 13 6 37 7	Runtners 26 21 69 36 244 82	Per Cent 30.7 28.5 13.8 15.8 15.1 8.5	G Bradley R Earnstew P Tuck R Lamb C Hawkins C Grant	JOCKEYS Winners 13 7 17 20 11 10	Rides 50 43 108 129 78 135	Per Cer 25.0 16.3 15.7 15.5 14.1
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 Phil Tuck rode the 300th winner of his career on Atkinsons at Ayr on Saturday. He had earlier initiated a double on Taelos, trained, like Atkinsons, by Gordon Richards.

103 (12) 0-0422 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2 2.0 PORT AND BRANDY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,141: 3m 190yd) (12 runners) _ L Herrey (4) _ S Mocsheed ... T Jervis 9-2 R Rose 12 G4S2-OP FLEMINGTON (J Hawlit) W Perrin 7-10-0 13 GD/P044 LUCKY VINTAGE (Miss M Preson) P Printerd 9-10-0 14 22PP/P0 SEVEN ACRES (G Babbaga) Mrs M Babbaga 8-10-0

Guide to our in-line racecard

1985: FLAXEN TINA 7-11-10 G Mernagh (5-4 fav) J Webber 8 ran FOR M CERMAU (10-12) won 41 from Oversway (10-4), who harded the form when winning on Sabar-boaten 251 to Ten Below (10-12) at Folkastons (2m 2), 21548, soft, Nov 24, 5 rant, FELL CLR&E (10-5) 3rd besten 81 to Tedor Read (10-2) at Folkastons (2m 2), 21548, soft, Nov 24, 5 rant, FELL CLR&E (10-5) 3rd besten 81 to Tedor Read (10-2) at Taumon Sam 1/2, 2228, good, Dec 4, 6 rant, KABRR (11-3) 3rd besten 7/2 to Finnesto (10-7) at Towcester (2m, 2120, good, Nov 13, 12 ran), FLEMANDTON Issues pulsed before the last earlier (10-3) 2nd besten 12 to Care (11-5) at Huntingdon (5m, 21984, good to soft, 4 ran), LUCKY VINTAGE (10-1) 4th besten 25 to Greenbank Park (10-5) at Towcester (3m, 22704, good to soft, Dec 13, 3 ran).

2.30 HOLLY AND THE IVY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,418; 2m)

C) (7 rum	ners)	
1	OP-03F0	TORDEALBHACH (H Harpur-Crews) P O'Connor 12-11-10	89 12-1
		BRAVEN (R Pecia) II Write 12-11-6 P Melis	91 F9-4
5	232-330	MIDNIGHT SONG (B,CD) (Mrs K Price) T Forster 11-11-3 L Harvey	● 98 3-1
6	4PP-17P	FINNESKO (CD) (Mrs Z Chris) S Christian 6-10-11	96 7-1
7	341010	TURKANA (CD) (J Upson) T Casey 8-10-5 E Backley	54 10-1
		ESSEX (CD) (J Bulcovets) J Bulcovets 11-10-2 R Charack	97 18-1
0	024-403	ARCHERS PRINCE (R Shaw) C James 8-10-0	98 5-1
		t965: ESSEX t 0-10-5 J Worthington (14-t) J Bulkovets 8 ran	

FORM TORROSALBACH (12-2) 5th beaten 20'Al to Mendelits (10-0) at Westerby (2m, 22325, or good to soft, 0 pc 2, 14 ran). BRAYEN (10-12) and beaten risk to Downpayment (10-12) at Foreign (2m, 29318, good, Dec 2, 14 ran). BRINGENT SONG (10-12) 5th beaten 35% to Latin American (10-5) at Cam, 22318, good, Dec 5, 8 ran). FINNESSOD tost his way since winning here, (10-7) won 75 from Mornics (11-11) with ARCHERS PRINCE (5-10) 4th beaten 8 kl and TURKAMA (10-6) 8th beaten 4 kl (2m, £128 Nov 13, 12 ran). TURKAMA (10-10) 8th beaten 7 l to Greenbank Park (11-5) at Townster (3m, £212 Nov 25, 3 ran).

Selection: FINNESSO

3.0 MISTLETOE NOVICES' CHASE (Div I: 21,249: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

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3	400-021	CHARLE'S COTTAGE (BF) (Mrs M Thome) N Hunderson 6-11-0	· 35	F6-4
		COYOR (B Chambers) R Blekeney 6-11-0 Jedy Etskeney (7)		_
10		GRAGARA PRIDE (J Poynton) P O'Connor 6-t 1-0		4-1
18	200-F0F	JURY ACTION (J. Hunt) Miss L. Boyer 6-11-0	80	_
17	0P3	LE VULCIAN (S Recirrond) A Turnet 8-11-0 S McNell	. 81	5-1
18	PF	PAUPERS GOLD (Mrs P Starkey) J Webber 5-11-0	-	_
22	FZ2032-	REDDOWN (Mrs H Haynes) R Armytage 5-11-0	95	7-1
		ROBERT HENRY (Mrs P Harpreaves) Mrs P Herpreaves 10-11-0 A Carroll	74	_
25	40P-PT-4	SALEHURST (Scienural Paper) O Beiding 5-11-0	84	6-1
25		SEEYOUAROUND (O Brawner) O Branner 8-11-0		_
28	COPP40-	STAR FORMULA (R Webb) P Principed 5-11-0		_
30	F	THE BONDERIZER (Mrs J Morrie) J Honeyball 6-11-0. Peter Hobbs	_	_
36	PPF	GLENBANE LADY (N Buckland) R Parker 5-10-9	_	_
		1985: THE ARGONAUT 7-11-7 S Shillston (\$-4 fav) F Welwyn 14 ran		

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3.3	CHRIST	TMAS PUDDING NOVICES' HURDLE (DIV II: £828: 2m) (18 turner	5)	
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4	PPOO	CHEVERING (B) (G Hamington) O Grissell 6-10-11	_	_
9		HARRY'S BAR (Miss W Harris) F Winter 4-10-11 P Scudenore		F6-4
11		JUST AQUITTED (J Mehon) J Mahon 5-10-11 Mr M Armytage (?)		-
12	00-030	KARAKTER REFERENCE (Mrs M Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-10-11T Jervis	38	_
14		LORDY BOY (D Sanger) II Nicholson 5-10-11		7-1
16		OTLEY (G Hubbert) O Hubbert 4-10-11		_
20		SEE YOU THERE (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 4-10-11		_
2		THATS FOR SURE (Brig C Harvey) O Nicholson 5-10-11 R Deneroody	94	10-1
22		THE JOLLY BEGGAR (T Kilron & Sons) Jimmy Peoperald 4-10-11 M. Dwyer		44
23		TRHOLIVER (R Armytage) R Armytage 5-10-11		14-1
25		TOWNSVILLE (A Bingley) J Old 8-10-11 C Lieucelys (7)		
26		VALIANT PILGRIM (General Str C Blacker) J Wabber 5-10-11		_
27		E J RICON (V) (Mrs M McCuster) R Biskeney 5-10-6	_	_
28		DEEP SENT (5 Watson) O Thomas 5-10-6 P Barron	_	_
29		FIRST ROMANCE (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 4-10-6	_	4-1
30		GREENHAM LADY (D Fisher) G Ham 5-10-6 Lorne Vincent	_	
22		SWEET STORM (Backele Can Lan T Course 4-10-8		

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SYM to The useful Randolph Place (10-11) at Chapstow (2m. Fat, 22895, soft, Nov 25, 10 ran). Enrice
TIMOLLYER (10-12) 2nd, Grished well, beaten 11 to Belto (10-8) with VALIANT PLIGHEM (11-2) 4m, came from
a long way back, beaten 3 at Sandown (2m. Fat, 21529, good, Nov 1, 20 ran). VALIANT PLIGHEM (11-0) 9th
beaten over 28 to Rothin Goodfellow (11-8) at Sandown (2m. 23043, good to soft, Nov 28, 12 ran).
Selection: THATS FOR SURE

1.15 SISTERPATH NOVICES' HURDLE (£685: 2m 6f) (15 runners)

0-00 BALMENCELLO (R Beichridge) R Beinbridge 4-11-0 Mr L Mudson G-2022 MR ESIAN CARCER () Delgicisty W Feirpriere 5-11-0 G Thompson (7) COUCLESS PATTERN (Aim M Dewson) P Beaumont 9-11-0 Alies A Beaumont (7) RIBISDALE (W Thyne) Miss M Byt 4-11-0 Mr P Johnson (7) C Grant 322000 ROYIGO (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 Mr P Johnson (7) F0000-3 SNOW BABU (A Maneley) O Moften 4-11-0 Mr P Johnson (7) G020-0 WORTRIY (ORGHT () Marwin) B McLean 5-11-0 O Bradley GPP ANSWER BACK (Brs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 7-10-9 P A Farred (4) O LIGHTER SHADE (B Hestor) W Read 4-10-9 Mr Read GUA020 MARCH FLY (Mrs A Macteggart 8-10-9 Mr O Macteggart (7) G0 POLITICAL PROSPECT (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 4-10-9 P Dennis (4) SEBERIAN MODON (M Ferwick) Mrs A Speks 8-10-8 Mr J Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (C STEEL STEEL A SEA LANGER (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (C STEEL STEEL A SEA LANGER (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 17 Top. (4) 1905 Mrs C STEPLE (11-0) A Sept. 1905 Mrs C STEPL

1.45 KEILDER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,987: 2m 6f) (5 runners)

1 128313- VRLIERSTOWN (P PNot) W A Stephenson 7-12-7 R Land 92 9-2 2P1/11-3 A SURE ROW (BF) (Mrs A Wallace) Mrs M Olcidroon 7-12-8 G Bradley 91 F4-5 3 30P-913 THE DIVIDER (C) (Exons the late J Altern) Mrs T Calder 8-11-12 T G Dun 999 7-2 5 9/36P9-4 BALLY-GO (C Bell) Jimmy Fiz-Garaid 9-11-2 NON-RURRER 6 44P-223 PREBEN FUR (CD) (W Peacock) G Richards 9-10-10 P Tuck 95 6-1 1985: PREBEN FUR 8-10-1 P Tuck (4-1) G Richards 3 ran

2.15 GLENTRESS NOVICES' CHASE (£1,174: 3m) (10 runners)

1 1/PPG-S1 DAN D'OR (D) (Mrs E Robeon) E Robson 6-11-12.
3 PM FINE STEEL (B) (Mrs P Browne) & McLeen 6-11-5.
4 34 KING KANDA (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-5.
5 (/P16P5 - KING'S COLLEGE BOY (H Thorseon) Mrs M Dickinson 8-11-5.
6 F2-4400 PANEGYPEST (C Alexander) C Alexander 11-11-5.
9 230-30 SCHO BEACH (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 6-11-4.
10 93 POLAR NOMAD (J Stockarl Ltd) W A Sephenson 5-11-4. 83 10-R Lamb 11 3P-42P4 GAMEWOOD (6 Mason) Mrs C Clark 8-11-0... 12 0/22222- KATIE MAC (6 Richards) O Richards 8-11-0... 13 000/P4-P REBRONA (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-11-0... Mr J Walton

1985: THE BUILDER 6-11-5 Mr P Niver (9-4) Mrs G Reveley 3 ran

.45	CARDR	ONA HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,272: 2m) (13 runn	ers)	
1	3122-60	RAPID SEAT (D) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 6-11-13		#8 6-1
3	070132	ADARE (D) (D Hodgson) O Hodgson 7-11-6	J Pheian (7)	12-1
ĭ	1100-04	CARAT STICK (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 5-11-5	Mr J Walton	94 7-1
-	3124-33	PRICEOFLOYE (CD) (J Calvert) II Moltati 6-11-6	K Teelsn	95 F3-1
×	LH3220	SMART IN BLACK (W Stevenson-Taylor) O Richards 4-11-8.	Tuck	@ 99° 6-1
7		MATELOT (D) (E Somerville) M Maughton 4-11-0		87 141
á	1/8140-0	BURLEY HELL LAD (D) (B Carlet) P Blockley 6-10-13		\$6 14-1
10	10.3340	ABSONANT (CO,BF) (Mrs A Shew) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-0	P Niven	95 5-1
11	622238	SHUMARD (CD) (Mrs M Tindale) J Johnson 6-10-5	S Earnshall	16-1
	1.00412	POLISH KIRGHT (BLD) (T Clayton) A 11 Brown 4-10-7	1) Dutton	97 7-1
13	000,000	YELLOW BEAR (CD) (H Southing) J Parket 4-10-7		\$5 20-1
14	103000	THE FDER (6) (1 Ross) J Mooney 5-10-5		87 20-1
	2002040	LITTLE TEMPEST (CD) (Mrs G Young) Mrs A Bell 7-10-0	M Pepper	25-1
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1965: SOMMY ONE SHOPE 4-10-9 J Kinene (8-1) R Allen 12 ren

Stearsby stakes firm claim for Cheltenham honours

The Welsh Grand National may only be 8 handicap but in recent seasons it has become a leading trial for the Gold Cup and Jenny Pitman is enthusias-tic about Saturday's impressive winner, Stearsby, taking his chance at Cheltenham in March.

"I've always thought of him as R Gold Cup horse and he'll go for it this season," the jubilant trainer said. "I hope his owner,... Terry Ramsden, won't want to run him in the Grand National just yet because I think the horse is mentally 8 bit too young." Leading bookmakers offer 16-1 for Cheltenham.

Stearsby was maintaining the remarkable sequence of seven-year-olds in the Chepstow stamina test. They have now won the last seven runnings of this event and on Saturday I Haventalight was the only other member of that age group in the race.

winning in 1983 before going oo to land the Gold Cup less than three months later.

The record books confirm that the Gold Cup has become very much a race for the young up-and-coming chaser. Of the last 17, six have been woo by seven-year-olds and six by eight-year-olds.

Further evidence that the Weish National serves as a sound trial for steeplechasing's blue riband has been provided by the last two winners, Righthand Man and Run And

Skip, who went on to ruo excellent races in defeat at

champion jump jockey, will officially opeo Edinburgh's new National Hunt track oo Monday, January 5. The Mussel-burgh course is the first to be

The track has been laid out at a cost of £90,000 oo partly reclaimed land adjacent to the links area and golf course. Its design fits all the latest safety requirements and includes por table fences, burdles and plastic

rides there oo the Flat and I think it will make a super jumping course. With luck racing will be possible there in the winter when it cannot take place

O'Neill, presently undergoing treatment for cancer, is now training and plans to have a runner at the opening meeting.

The clerk of the course, David McHarg, describes the course as being right-handed, flat and galloping. It is a mile and three furlongs round with an easy turn into the straight. The first race over the new track will be the

ing ceremony will be at 11.30am. A new business entertaining facility has been created, and the hurdles course is being sponsored by Seagram, who are also

respectively.
Graham Bradley, who partnered Stearsby io the ab-

sence of the suspended Graham McCourt, had his mount just off the pace before lauoching his challenge at the turn for home. By the last fence, he had already established a clear lead over his

toiling rivals.
Explaining Stearsby's lacklustre performance on his pre-vious ruo io the Hennessy Gold Cup. Mrs Piumao said: "I was very disappointed with him at Newbury hut in turned out that he had a low white blood count. I told Brad before that race that I was a bit worried because he could be just short of one With Macoliver running oo

into second place and Corbiere filling fourth place behind Jimbrook, the Upper Lambourn trainer saddled three of the first four home. As Corbiere won the race back in 1982, Mrs Pitman has now won three of the last five recewals.

The race has also become very much the property of women trainers as John Spearing last year, is the only man to have trained the winner in the last six

Not content with eyeing the Gold Cup, Mrs Pitman also has her sights set oo another Grand National. She said: "Macoliver ran a tremendous race and he is sure to run in the National given the chance. The trouble is that be may not get in with the present conditions. Corbiere ran a blinder bot oowadays hasn't quite got the legs of the younger borses."

Cheltenham behind Forgive'N
Forget and Dawn Ruo
Forget another National — if to go for another National - if

he gets a decent weight."

Lucky Vane, ooe of the leading faocies, was always struggling to go the pace but ran oo in the straight and finished sixth. Jimmy Frost said: "He jumped well but was oever going the part of the property of the property of the part of the property of the prope on the dead ground - be really hated it." Simoo Sherwood bruised a leg when Darc Hansel fell and gave up his two remain-

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ing rides.

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since joining Martin Pipe.
The High Line coll took command from the start and by the time they turned for home he was 3 good 15 lengths clear, casily maiotaioing it to the post and still on the bridle.

His jumping, quick and accurate on this occasion, had been criticized at Haydock Park last time out but Pipe said; "His was the last race of the two days. The ground had got really horrible by then and he is still very much a covice. He did it well today. I'm very pleased with him he is full of guts and he can be ridden any way. He can be restrained if occessary.

Dunstoo, who had been fancied to give the favourite a ruo for his money, nearly went at the first with a bad mistake which brought down Guessing, After that Duostoo never really got ioto the cootest and finished fifth.

open at Edinburgh out of stud Jonio O'Neill, the former Joe Mercer, the former royal

opened in Britaio since Ascot's jumping circuit io 1965.

running rail.
O'Neill said: "I had about six

elsewhere.

£2,000-added 100 Pipers Handi-cap Hurdle at 12.15. The open-

sponsoring the first event.

Smyly pull

Joe Mercer, the former royal jockey, and Mark Smyly, the Lambourn trainer, have re-signed as non-executive directors of Hardwick Breeding and Racing Plc in the week the company was due to launch a £2 million share issue.

Their decision to pull out of

the stud farm, at Whitchurch, near Pangbourne, Borkshire, comes only days after Charles Armstrong, the company's joint managing director, resigned after appearing on the Jockey Club's forfeit list of non-payers. Mercer said yesterday: "I just

Mercer said yesterday: "I just didn't want to be involved. People had been digging isto their affairs and I didn't want to be associated with anything like that." Smyly said his decision had been taken jointly with Mercer. He said: "My resignation was due to various reasons connected

with the make-op of the new company. I am not satisfied everything is as it should be in the running of the new company."
David McCounel, an American lawyer, described in the

company's promotional literature as chairman (non-executive), is trying to contact the firm to discuss the situation. Barbara Bacon, the stud director, whose husband, David, is joint managing director with Mr Armstrong, declined to com-ment until she had spoken to

O'Neill to Mercer and The Illiad suffers a set-back

The Illiad, ante-post joint favourite with Barnbrook Agaio for the inaugural running of The Ladbroke at Leopardstown next month, has suffered a set-back in his training programme.
"I'm still hopeful he will be

able to take part in the big race,"
Homer Scott, his trainer, said at Navan oo Saturday. The Illiad landed a substantial gamble io style at Fairyhouse nine days ago and was due to have another preparatory race next week. He will not now be io actioo until The Ladhroke at the soonest. However, his owner,

the Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday in Appearing for the first time Appearing for the first time sioce jarring bimself when beaten by Fitzberbert at Chepstow in October. Omerta readily won the Santa Claus Handicap Chase under top weight at Navan on Saturday in the hands of Sont's good story.

Mrs Maeve McMorow, and Scott have a prime candidate for

weight at Navan on Saturday in the hands of Scott's good young stable jockey, John Shortt.

Joke Is Over, winner of six races and £17,000 in prize money for the Sligo trainer. Billy Boyers, had to be put down after breaking a shoulder in his first ever fall.

first ever fall.
Colin Magnier, in hospital with a broken leg, produced an excellent prospect from his stable when Craystown proved an easy winner of the Yule Log Flat Race.

Saturday's results

Nottingham

Lingfield Park

12.45 1, The Haclenderos (13-8 jt-tav); Commow (13-8 jt-tav); 3, Ten in Hand (6-

Chepstow 1.0 1, Cindle Girl (9-1); 2, Cone Alone (50-1); 3, Mad About Ya (25-1). Powerless 2-1 lav. 18 ran. NR: Abbaylaranay, Royal

Nottingham

12.20 1, Colonel James (3-1); 2, Xhai (7-2); 3, Members' Revenue (33-1); Postive 2-1 fav. 20 ran.

1.0 1, Respectatement (11-4); 2, Rostra (20-1); 3, Revinsort (5-2 ji-fav). Destiny Bay 5-2 ji-fav. 6 ran.

1.20 1, Rapiner Therust (6-13 fav); 2, Spark 07 Peace (20-1); 3, Cockalorum (33-1), 17 ran. NR; Stantas.

2.0 1, Against The Grain (13-6); 2, Mick's Star (11-6 fav); 3, Lakefleid (20-1).

10 ran. NR; Owen Duff.

2.20 1, Owenway (5-2); 2, Rouspeter (2-1 fav); 3, Spr Kenvern (14-1), 9 ran.

3.0 1, Sporting Meriner (11-10 fav); 2, Too Often (25-1); 3, High Barn (20-1). 14 ran. NR; Carnival Air. Ductry.

1.30 1, High Knowl (4-5 lav; Private Hendicapper's lop rating); 2, Ricmar (14-1); 3; Blesket Run (40-1); 9 ran.

2.5 1, Shearaby (8-1); 2, Maccilver (16-1); 3, Jimbrook (14-1); 4, Corbiere (9-2) fav), 17 ran.
2.80 1, French Captain (5-1); 2. Claude
Monet (11-2); 3. Broad Beam (8-1); 4.
Dirgbat (25-1), Meanin 9-2 lav. 16 ron.
3.10 1, Will's Warrier (7-2); 2. Charleston George (13-2); 3. Messaute (3-1).
Lover Cover 1 1-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Dorwood

Lichy. 3.40 1, Master Cone (50-1); 2, Cettic Saga (20-1); 3, Miss Nero (16-1); 4, Jade And Diamond (11-1), 22 ren.

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12.45 1, Guerrer Mac (33-1); 2, Angel
Dust (10-1); 3, Casuel Pass (6-4 fav); 13
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1.15 1, Norton Cross (7-2); 2, Adare (141); 3, Blacktest (65-40 fav); 6 rsn.
1.45 1, Hardy Led (6-11 fav); 2 Pesty
Sondy 6-9; 3, Avarité (16-1); 3 rsn.
2.15 1, Herpenny Nap (10-1); 2
Topleigh (7-4 fav); 3, Burgundy (4-1); 6
rsn. Mc Magyecod.
2.65 1, Taelos (6-11 fav); 2, Mr Chris (3-1); 3, Permabos (6-1); 4, Arg.
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Leaders over the jumps **TRAINERS**

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Steve Youlden, the jockey. will resume riding at Wetherby on Boxing Day, six weeks after breaking his left wrist in a fall on Swap Shop at Market Rasen.

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Foreboding.

at United

for trip to

Anfield By Steve Bates

Manchester United finally re-

assured Alex Ferguson that they have the necessary ingredients

of discipline and concentration

to protect a two-goal lead. But with a Boxing Day trip to An-field looming ominously, even their most ardent supporters.

remain unconvinced that the

manager has galvanized his men

sufficiently to trouble a team of

On a day when Leicester revealed just why they are languishing near the relegation zone. United had the perfect opportunity to tuck into the Christmas programme with a resounding victory. Instead their arcusts for a feest of grads.

their appearte for a feast of goals --

content to pick at a Leicester side seeminly resigned in a festive season loaded with

With away games at Evertin

and West Harn, and home fixtures with Arsenal and Shef-field Wednesday. United's des-pondency seems understand-able, for Bryan Hamilton's men

offered precious little other than

it was from one such clumsy challenge by Ramsay which presented Girson with the chance to mark his first League

appearance since August with a free kick bent round the City wall and beyond Andrews to

give United a 12th-minute lead

aller a promising start.
"Gibson had a quickness and spring about him." Ferguson said, but cyidently it was not

carching. Robson and Daven-port were noticeably subdued.

reckless tackling.

ight, man-to-man marking and

Liverpool's stature.

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FOOTBALL: HOLLINS CLINGS ON THOUGH SYMPATHY FOR THE EMBATTLED MANAGER CANNOT HIDE THE TRUTH OF HIS TEAM'S PERFORMANCE

Bates keeps his nerve but the signs at Chelsea are ominous

By Clive White

Chelsea.. Tottenham Hotspur 2

As Chelsea sank deeper into their bottomless pit of despair. one was left to wonder not so much where, as how, it will all a case of which will crack first - John Hollins's nerve or that of Ken Bates, his chairman. I would be inclined to oack the former.

The signs are ominous for poor Hollins. Last week it was defeat and a vote of confidence from his chairman. This week it was another defeat and sympathy from the opposition's manager, David Pleat, who said with generos-ity I doubt whether Hollins would appreciate: "In some ways I'm pleased we didn't score more. People might have over-reacted, either by thinking we're going to be something special this season or, by the same token, that Chelsea have really gone."

But the scoreline could not hide the truth that even in a game in which Chelsea had perfectly valid appeals for a goal and a penalty turned down, they were still fortunate to lose by only twn goals. Clive Allen, naturally, scored both

When Pleat saw Clive Allen throwing his boots into the rubbish bin after the game he thought it was in disgust at time or other to hit someone missing an excellent chance of on the head and go in the back a treble in the last seconds, of the net." And, in this time 20-year-old Paul Sim when the Chelsea goalkeeper, of goodwill, Chelsea certainly cepted the contracts.

By Vince Wright

Charlton Athletic

The talk before the match was of a comfortable away victory, but those Charlton supporters

who predicted such an outcome

badly under-estimated their

team. Many among the 16,564 crowd at Selhurst Park came in

watch the title cootenders, Liverpool, but stayed to applaud

lowly Charlton, who shared the

points despite being down to 10 men for the last half-an-hour.

The fact that Charlton's wounds were self-inflicted did

nothing to dispel the feeling that

this was Liverpool's lucky day.

Charlton's first casualty was their centre half. Thompson,

who damaged his ribs when he

ran into the advertising hoard-

ings behind the goal. He strug-

was replaced by Lee. But then Lee himself tweaked ligaments in his ankle after falling awk-

wardly, and look no further

first division is a large measure of old-fashioned gril. Of the

pursuers only Everton would appear able to match Arsenal in

Despite an appalling injury list, Everton have moved quietly

into fourth position in the table,

their latest success being a comprehensive 3-0 defeat of

Wimbledon on Saturday. And

there was more for the Goodison crowd to cheer than goals from Steven, Sheedy and Heath. Twenty minutes from time, Peter Reid made his first

appearance in an Everton shirt

There was less excitement at

Upion Park. In a match notable

since the FA Cup final.

Liverpool.....

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forced to reconsider and acknowledge not only the bounce beauty of Hoddle but also the la 66. bonus. "There were lots of good aspects in our play, not least the centre backs' partnership and Hoddle's ability to put the ball in the space perfectly to create four or five ebances." And that did not include the subtle back heel,

more accurate than many could pass forwards, that put Allen in for his first goal. Hollins, as crazy as his life must seem right now, would perhaps question the sanity of Pleat in releasing such a player. Compared to the thoroughbred Hoddle, Hollins had one or two donkeys in his own midfield. They have not won a League game since

October 18, but the most significant fact is that Dixon has not scored in the League in more than ten weeks, and nn Salurday was as anonymous as ever. Hollins, opening up emo-

tionally for perhaps the first time since he took on the burden of management, said: "I don't want sympathy, I never wanted it in my life. I just want that ball at some

Charlton take the accolade

Despite these misfortunes, Charlton continued to make life

difficult for the champions and credit must go to the manager,

Lennie Lawrence, and his play-

ers for doing their homework. Liverpool were never allowed to settle into their usual smooth

rhythm. Forced onto the defen-

sive from the start, they were -untypically - prepared to kick anywhere for safety. But they survived because the ball re-

fused to run for Charlton, and most of the important decisions

by the referee went in their

One of them early in the second half was 10 prove a turning point. Mr Cooper ig-

nored Charlton's claims for a

penalty when Colin Walsh ap-peared to be brought down by Beglin. Shortly afterwards, Lee

was injured and Charlton's last

Everton show their true grit

By Simon Jones

Perhaps the difference behind them at the top of the first division is a large greature.

Transfer-listed Fenwick, for Queen's Park Rangers, scored.

At the Manor Ground, Oxford United did well to twice recover from being a goal down from Bright, who is proving a large greature.

recover from being a goal down against Aston Villa. Aldridge

scored their second equalizer — his 19th goal of the season — with another penalty.

Oxford seem intent, too, oo

wipiog out Aston Villa's impres-sive lead as the League's worst disciplined team. Their sub-stitute, Phillips, who came on as

a 72nd minute substitute, was

sent off 16 minutes later. It was

In the second division, Crys-

tal Palace were another team to finish the afternoon with 10

men, though in their case they had to play almost all of the second half at Huddersfield

the second time he had been than sent off in four weeks and brings wand Oxford's total of dismissals this

season to five.

only for the poor quality of finishing, the only goals came from the penalty spot. Cottee, for West Ham Uoited, and the

larly hard on the in-form Melrose, who was left to fight a lone battle up front. Melrose came closest to supplying the goals which would have provided the Maish. Section 1. Reference: K Cooper.

chance of victory had gone.

Niedzwiecki, had unnervingly seem to have been forgotten. stood his ground. But Allen The rub of the green, not to was merely throwing away his mention the woodwork, was against them, most memo-In a week when Pleat was rably a shot by Spackman, seen to be sympathetic to deflected upwards by Danny Hoddle's desire to leave Thomas, which struck the Toltenham, the manager was underside of the crossbar and appeared to most eyes to have bounced down over the line, à

> But Mr Seville disallowed the goal. You felt for Chelsea and McLaughlin when six minutes later Parks, standing in far Clemence, flattened the Chelsea centre back in the penalty area with little excuse. Tottenham's strikes,

> though, left nothing to doubt. The match was put safely and rightly beyond Chelsea's clawing fingers by Hoddles's perception, Waddle's trickery and Allen's finish in the 62nd minute to bring the forward's League total to 19 - as many goals as the entire Chelsea side have scored all season.
> CHELSEA: E Niedtwiedt; O Wood,
> Dublin, C Pates, J McLaughlin,
> Burnchad, P Newin, N Spactman,
> Dixon, O Speodie, J McNaught (sub:

Wegerlo). TOTTENMAM HOTSPUR: A Parks: D Thomas, M Thomas, O Ardies, R Gough, G Mabbut, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G

· Jimmy Frizzell, the Manchester City manager, offered two-year contracts to five of his youngest and most promising squad members before yesterday's game against Cov-entry at Highfield Road. David White, Paul Moulden, Steve Redmand and Ian Brightwell, all aged 19, and the 20-year-old Paul Simpson, ac-

shock result of the day. At the other end, Charlion's goal-keeper, Bolder, who was at Anfield for two years without

playing in the first team, had the

satisfaction of preventing Rush from scoring an undeserved winner in the closing minutes.

For Liverpool, only Law-

renson and Grobbelaar came up

to scratch. Liverpool's passing and control were unusually

poor, and apart from losing ground in the championship

ground in the championship race they are beset by inury problems. Hansen and Venison were late withdrawals, and joined Molby, Johnston and the player-manager, Kenny Dalgish, on being ruled out of selection. Ablett, Hansen's deputy, had a testing time on his debut.

useful acquisition

Portsmouth, 100, came back
to win after conceding the lead,
but this has become almost a
habit for them at Franco Park.

The match against Barnsley had moved well into injury time when Dillon scored the penalty which put Portsmouth back at the top of the table. In fact, there

was considerable doubt about the validity of the penalty which was awarded for a 'foul' by the Barnsley goalkeeper, Baker, on the Portsmouth forward, Quinn, who admitted later that he had

In the third division, the best

performance came from Bury who had been bottom of the

table but moved up four places with a4-0 win over Walsall. All

the goals came in the first half with Robinson scoring three in

taken "a bit of a dive".

the first 23 minutes.

Third division

Yesterday



Jumping for joy: Bradshaw (centre) celebrates his goal for Sbeffield Wednesday with Sterland (right) and Snodin at Hillsborough yesterday. Wednesday beat Newcastle United 2-0 to go to fifth place in the first division. Report, page 28

Eccentric battle of the Cities

By Dennis Shaw

Coventry City.. Manchester City

Sieve Redmond, Manchester City's teenage midfield player, twice came to his club's recue with equalizers yesterday to prevent Coventry City from building on their satisfying sevictories.

A chilled non-festive cocktail of swirling, biting

A chilled non-festive cocktail of swirling, biting wind and muddy treacherous pitch was absorbed most effectively by the visitors. Twice they had trailed to goals by Culpin and Adams but twice Manchester City squared it through the dangerously lurking Redmond and utilimately emerged as the more ultimately emerged as the more stylish of two inconsistent sides. The real winners were the neutrals who, if wrapped up to

combat the blast, would have enjoyed all the eccentricities. Two goals in the opening five minutes was an appetitising taster for a mateb that never glish, on being ruled out of selection. Ablett, Hansen's deputy, had a testing time on his debut.

CHARLTON ATRIETIC: H Boider, J Humptwey, M Read, G Shipley, S Thompson (sub: R Lee), P Shirtidi, M Shuari, A Custostiey, J Meirose, M Alziewood, G Walen.

first after Adams had forged the necessary link in the shape of a low centre. Adams himself capitalized on the second Regisinspired break after 40 minutes when the former Coventry goal-

keeper, Suckling, pushed the ball out to him. Redmond is unlikely to score two such simple goals. Each time he simply fired the ball low, probably more in hope than expectations, through a mass of legs and the ball found its target when it should have been kept

Ogrizovic had a match he will want to forget but he did make fine saves from Varadi and Moulden. He also performed a valuable, if illegal service when he raced out of his area to upend Varadi when the forward was clear."I've seen goalkeepers seni off for that," said the Manchester City manager, Jimmy Frizzell. But Ogrizovic was rightly booked for his challenge in an "eye-for-an-eye" 60 seconds, Wilson having been cautioned moments before for

tripping Regis when similarly Clear.
COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; 9 Borrows, It Downs, 0 Emerson, S Sedgley, T Peake, 0 Bennett, 0 Philips, C Riggs, P Curpen, M Adams.
MANCHESTER CITY: P Sucking: N Red, C Wilson, K Clements, M McCarthy, 0 Redmond, 0 White, I McNeb, I Varadi, P Mouden, 0 Mcliroy.
Referee: J Ashworth.

Arsenal expose paper tigers By David Powell and will spend their centenary fully spun the ball into his path.

Arsenal.

Luton Town.. The club with all the ideas, the latest being to roof their stadium, offered none on Saturday.

Luton, it said in the programme, came to Highbury as contenders for their first League championship. That was on paper. On grass they looked no such thing. Had this been a tennis match,

all the ball boys would have been caught down one end. In between Arsenal attacks there was little more than Luton goal kicks. So dominant was the Arsenal midfield, with Williams the service arm and Rocastle the racket, that the forwards, Groves and Quinn, should have spared us a fearful 70 minutes worrying whether Luton would hijack a point.

Luton's blanketing of defence may serve them well in the 21st century Home Supporters Only Indoor League but Arsenal are the style of today. They have gone 15 matches without defeat Not champion stuff, Brian

By Nicholas Harling

Nottingham Forest 0

ably not one of the most appealing teams sway from

home, not only put a block on

Nottingham Forest's champion-

ship chances but raised a smile

and a quip or two from the beleaguered Chris Nicholl.

Southampton's manager needed humouring after a week

in which talk of a venderta came in the aftermath of Dennis's

revelation about punch-ups in Majorca and Wright's transfer

request. A visit to the City

Ground was not calculated to appease birm since his team, with the worst-but-one defensive record in the first division, were up against hosts who had yet to fail to score at borne.

bo are invari-

Southampton

Southampton, v

Christmas five points clear at the top of the League.

But it was another of Arsenal's new generation. Quinn, who

The self assurance of their manager. George Graham, has rubbed off on the players. Hayes and Rocasile in particular. Their quick thinking is matched by Graham's sharpness of wit at press conferences. "Has Charlie lost weight?", one inquisitor asked. "I don't know - I haven't cuddled him recently." Graham replied spontaneously.

Quite whether his bemour would be as furthcoming had Hayes agreed to sign for Huddersfield Town in October. as Graham wanted him to, is open to question. "He has done exceptionally well," the manager commented after the left-sided right-footed midfield player had consolidated his position as Arsenal's leading scorer. As Graham admitted, Hayes use given his charge acla. Haves was given his chance only because of injuries to regulars.

Hayes took his League tally to 10 goals with a low 89th minute drive after Nicholas had delight-

course, there was Shilton,

nose, was painful.

reluctant as ever to provide his

old club with satisfaction, even if the ultimate cost, a broken

An expert on that complaint if

ever there was one, Nicholi, whose twisted features bear

testimony to the number of times his nose has been put out of joint, agreed that Shilton might be advised to have sur-

gery. "Unless he wants to look like me, that is," he joked.

Shilion's first-minute parry from Mills had suggested that a

home victory would be a formality. But by the time the goalkeeper was called into seri-

ous action again to deny Webb on the stroke of half-time, it was obvious that Southampton had

broke down Luion's resistance. Running in to meet Groves's cross, the off 4in centre forward headed the opening goal after 71 minutes. Ten minutes later Quian headed against the bar from Davis's corner and Adams seized on the ricochet.

Graham refuses to talk about winning the League in his first season as manager but occasionally lets slip comments which suggest he is privately cultivating the idea. I was pleased we were so patient — in 1971 we played many games like that on the way to the championship," be said. "The spirit is running through the club again like it did when I was in the team."

LUTON TOWN: I. Sealey; T Breacker, R Johnson, P Nicholes, S North, M Donaghy, D McDonagh, B Stein, M Yewell, M Stein, A Grimes, Referee; R Groves.

crowd had also been

induced to express their concern

at wasted efforts by Birtles and

Nigel Clough from promising positions, after which, in the

second half, Southampton did far more than merely soak up

Forest pressure. Clarke's shot which thudded against an upright from Case's exquisite pass

was the nearest they came to exposing totally the limitation of Forest's options when the

men who matter are not produc-

ing the goods. Not the stuff of

champions, I'm afraid, Brian.

although the England captain did shoulder the added responsibility of nursing O'Brien on his midfield debut for United. The Eire international, aged

22, revealed nice touches and a stunning shot but as the game drifted on, so he drifted into obscurity. Devenport tried to revive the match with a 30th minute snap shot after intelligent, work by CPE in and gent work by O'Brien and Whiteside, but Andrews pulled off a splendid reflex save. United then attempted to give

the game away after half-time.
First, Hogg escaped with a
dubious challenge on Smith on,
the edge of the box before.
Moran, six yards out and unmarked, failed to coonect with the
Smith's cross. Smith's cross.

Sensing danger Ferguson re-placed the tiring O'Brien with. Stapleton and within a minute United's fears dissolved. After a foul on the lively Olsen. Gib-son's floated free kick was met-by a forceful Stapleton header which Andrews could only push onto a post before the forwardpounced to fire into the

After tossing away successive 3-1 leads against Tottenham Holspurs and Asion Villa, this time United held on with apparent case, but Ferguson's joy at only his second win in charge was tempered by the recent lost points. He said: "li's most frustrating because we could now have been on 2 run of three straight wins. Instead we've got."

lo start building on onc."
With the journey to Anticid now looming, that seems a tall order.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Watsh; J Sivebaek, K Moran, G Hoog, C Goson, G Strachan, 9 Robson, L O'Bnen (tub: F Stepleton), P Davanport, N Whiteside, J NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Segers: G Fleming. S Pearce. D Walker, C Fairclough, N Webb, F Carr, J Metgod, N Clough, G Birtles, G Mills. Olsen.
LEICESTER: I Andrews; P Rumsay (sub:
R Kelly), J O'Neill, R Osman, A Feeley, S
Morgan, G McAlister, A Mauchlen, I
Wilson, A Smith, S Morran.
Referbe: N Ashley (Nantwich).

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shitton; G Forrest, M Dennis, J Case, M Wright, K Bond, G Lawrence, G Cockerlit, C Clarke, S Baker, 0 Wallace. Referee: K Walmsley. Paradoxically, the two players on the stroke of half-time, it was who had done most to stretch his managerial patience he got the measure of Forest. Slaven's goal puts Middlesbrough back on top A 17th minute goal from Bernard Slaven, his 11th of the season, yesterday restored Middlesbrough to the top of the Middlesbrough to the top of the 5-1 win by two goals from Lowe header from Yates and it was been blocked. Doncaster looked in a control but White glanced in a control but white gla

for his almost total subjection of Carr and Wright for displaying the kind of form that justified inflamed minutes. They were

his desire to move to a bigger crowd-induced," Nicholl said.

third division before Brentford's biggest crowd of the season. Brentford, who also opened their new Brook Road stand. restricted completely to family groups, had only themselves to blame as Geddis wasted three easy first half chances. Mansfield's unbeaten home

Scottish premier division

5-1 win by two goals from Lowe in the first half and one by Campbell. Further goals from Jewell and Lowe, completing his treble, came before Keni set up

Mansfield's consolation goal headed in by Collins. Notts County survived a first half of almost constant Carlisle pressure to win 2-0 at Brunton

Scottish first division

after Waitt put them two up after 75 minutes that Leonard assured them of the points with a point blank save from Saunders. Swindnn hit back 10 take a point after being 2-0 down at Doncaster. Burke headed Doncaster in from after seven minutes and Russell added the

Scottish second division

header after 66 minutes and? Henry equalized seven minutes

Northampton stretched their lead at the top of the fourth. division to 14 points with a 3-t

Southern division

Second division Huddersfield Tn 1 Crystal Pal Portsmouth 2 Barnsley Yesterday BRIGHTON Seumders 2 (1 pen). (3) 4 GRIMSBY Micklewhite, Davison 2, Gee HULL Morgan 3, Seunders, Kelly, Ford, Dixon

First division

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:

MANSFIELD (0: 1 WIGAN | Campoer, Jewes | Jews FA TROPHY: First round: Altrincham 1. Crook 0, Barking 2, Weymouth 2, Barnet 6, Wolding 0; Barrow 1, Whitley Bay 1; Bishop Auckland 2, Runcom 3; Boston 4, Bishop Auckland 2, Rumcorn 3: Boston 4, Frickley 3: Bromsgrove 3, Rhyl 0: Cem-bridge City 3, Tooling and Mitcham 1; Chelmsford 1, Sudon United 2: Chellon-ham 1, Duhwich 0: Corby 0, Ashford 0; Crawley 1, Bash 2: Dagenham 2, Harrow 0; Erfield 0. Aylesbury 2: Gainsborough 1, Southbank 1: Grantham 1, Blyth Spartans 3: Ketzering 2, Yeovil 3: Kidderminster 0, Mossiley 0; Marine 2, Leek 1; Menthyr 1,

Fourth division Bournessouth
Bristol City 4 Bolton Wandra
Bury 4 Walsali
Newport County 1 Rotherham Utd
York City 1 Futhare 1 Crewe Alex
9 Rochdale
1 Orient
1 Colchester Ltd
Peterborough
1 Southend Utd Yesterday BRENTFORD (0) 0 MIDDLESER' (1) 1 NORTHMPT'N [1] 3 LINCOLN [1] 1 5.504 CARLISLE (0) 0 NOTTS CO (0) 2 Yates, Walts 2.811 (0) 2 E9 2,974 Hartiepool Utd Rochdale Torquey Utd Stockport Stockport 19 9 412 11 34 12
Dentlord 1; Newcastie Blue Star 2,
Statitord 1; Nordmich 0, Burton 2; Sattach
0, Fareham 2; Scarborough 1, Morecambe 0; Southport 1, Gateshead 2,
Telford 1, Nuneaton 4; Trowbridge 0,
Bishop's Storfford 1; Wealdstone 1,
Maidstone 1; Weiling 8, SI Albans 0;
Weston-super-Mare 0, Worthun 5; Wyoombe 0, Leatherhead 0. Postponed;
Hitchin v Borsham Wood.

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FA VASE: Third round: Havant 2, Dorking 0: Horsham 2, Hertford 1; Mangotsfield United 3, Newport IOW 1. Postponed: Three Bridges v Yeading. Third round: reptay: Emiley 2, Seaton Delaval-Seaton Terrace 1; Wisboch 2, Pager Rangers 0, Barton Rovers 1, Vauchal Motors 2, Rossendid 4, Droytsden 3, Vatorhall 1, 20051. J. Facalis. VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bognor 2, Kingstonian 3; Hayes 0, Hendon 3; Slough 3, Carshalton 2; First dhisten: Billencay 0, Leyton Wingate 0; Brays Ath 4, Kingsbury 0; Lewes 7, Finchley 1; Leytonstone/Illord 2, Hampton

POOLS CHECK

Celtic Oundee Utd Rangers Aberdeen Hearts Dundee St Mirren Motherwall Falkrik Hilberman Chydebank Hamilnon 1: Steines 8, Southwick 2: Uxbridge 0, Tibury 2: Second division: North: Wolverton 2, Hemel Hempstead 2: Post-poned: Wiverhop v Harnigey Boro. Sec-and division south: Barstead Ath 1. Harefeld 1: Eastbourne United 0, Woking 0; Marlow 0. Petersfield 2: Hungerford 2; Chertsey 0. Charissy 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 0. Wetford 9; Luton 6, West Harn 1; Reading v Ipswich 1; Totlenham 1, Mithwall 0. Postponed: Southampton v Cholesa.

SMIRNOFF IRSH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Colerane 2; Ballymens 4, Bangor 3; Carrack 0, Linheld 3; Crusaders 1, Portadown 2: Glenavon 3, Dissillery 1; Glentoran 2, Cliftonville 2; Newry 2, Larne 1. Glentoran 2, Clintonville 2; Newry 2, Larme
1.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup:
Third round: Chelsee 2, Luton 2; Ipswich 2, Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 2,
Bnotton 3. First division: Millwall 2.
Glängham 7; Tottenham 2, OPR 0;
Fulham 1. Welford 1; Portsmouth 1,
Norworn City 5; Onent 4; Cambridge
Unsed 2; Charlton 3, Southend United 0.
Second division: Bristol Rovers 3,
Wimbledon 2; Southend United 1, Tottenham 1; Oxford United 1, Cotchester United
1: Brentford 0, Swindon 0. Postponed:
Reading v Bournemouth.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon 5, Bideford 2; Clandown
1, Radstock 3; Dawlish 1, Bristol City 2;
Eurnouth 1, Plymouth Argyle 0; Tauriton 2;
Froms 1. Postponed: Barristaple v
Minehead.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield United 0, Edgware
5; Brinnedown Rovers 5, Watham Aboey

Duntermine
Dumbation
Morton
East File
Arthricomans
Kamarnock
Forfar Ath
Clyde
Queen of Sth
Partock
Brechin City
Montrose C: Crown and Manor 2, Danson D; Hanwell B, Amersham 4; Northwood 2, Contribian Casuals D; Ulysses 2, Beckton Unded 0, Postponed: Redhill v Pennent; Barkingside v Southgate. Barkingside v Southgate.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester le-Street 1, Gretne 1; Easington 2, Whitby 0; Hartlepool 2, Tow Law 0; North Sheets 1, Peterlee 0; Rynope CA 0, Spennymoor United 4, Second division: Ahweck 0, Bdlingham Town 0; Ashington 1, West Auckland 2; Billingham Synthonia 5, Cleveland Bridge 1; Durham CBy 0, Sheldon 0; Eash Enning 1, Shelton Corrades 1; Horden CW 1, Willington 1; Northallerton 0, Seaham Red Star 2; Norton 2, Evenwood 3. BASE NORTH WEST COUNTIES BASB NORTH WEBT COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First divisions Curzon Aston 2.
Flestwood 2; Glossop 0. Leyland Motors
2; Kirkby 2, Raddiffle Bcrough 1;
Netherical 0, Bodile 1; Permit 0, St.
Helens 4. Postponed: Accrangton Stanley
v Congleton; Eastwood Maniey v
Burscough: Man v Statybridge Celtic.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Dearnier divisions Altraton 3. Bertiles Vibi. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Altreton 3, Baniley WW 0; Boston 1, Armitrop Welfars 3; Denaby 2, Belper 2; Eastwood 2, Thackley 1; Long Eaton 0. Farsley Cettle 2; Porteiract Cots 2, Brigg 0.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Caermanton 2, Workington 0; Chorley 1, Oswestry 0; Witton 0, Bangor Coty 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Fremmer division: Ash 6, Chobham 2; Cobham 0, Maiden Vale 2; Farnham 2; Bae Weypridge 0; Godalming 5, Cove 0; Harriey Wintney 2, Frimley Green 3; Norley 3, Farleigh Rovers 0; Malden Town 5,

A KALLEY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Basmgstoke 1, Gospont 1: Fisher 1,
Alvechurch 0: King's Lynn 0, Willenhall 0:
Reddinch 1, Folkestome 0: Salisbury 2,
Bedworth 1: Witney 0, Shebshed 4.
Midtland division: Gloucester Cay 0, VS
Rugby 1; Mile Cak Rovers 0, Banbury 2:
Moor Green 5, Wellingborough 1:
Rushden 0, Hednestord 6: Sutton Coldlield 0, Forest Green Rovers 2: Biston 1,
Halesowen 2. Postponed: Bridgnorth v
Coventry Sporting; Leicester United v
Learnington. Southern division: Burnham
and H 0, Andover 3: Corimitation 2.
Woodlord 1: Dorchester 2, Hastings 2:
Dover Aft 7, Waterloowile 2: Gravesend
and N 4. Sheppey 1; Thanet 3, Russlip 1:
Tonbridge 5. Poole 1: Carterbury Griy 2.
Chatham 0: Durstable 2, Ernn and 8 1.
DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: First round
replay: Brandon 4, Whitcham 3.
NORTH RIDING SENDOR CUP. Second
qualifying round replay: Guisborough 3, Stockon 0.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUEBranham Ath 0. Lowestoft 2: Clacton 1.
Gordeston 0: Colchester United 3.
Felbistowe 0: Ely City 0, Sudbury 2: Great
Yarmouth 1. Histon 1: Sonam Town
Rangers 1, Watton 4: Stowmarket 1.
Charters 2: Thettord 1, March Town 1.
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COMMENDED CONTINES LEAGUE Beauty

Chattans 2: Thefford 1, March Town 1.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division Ash 6. Chobbam 2. Cobian 0. Maiden Vale 2. Farmern 2. Bae Weybridge 0: Godalming 5. Cove 0: Harriey Wittney 2. Frimey Green 3. Horley 3. Farleigh Rovers 0: Malden Town 5. Virginia Water 0: Merstham 2. Chipstead 0. Crarleigh 0. Westheld 0.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier divisions Arlosey 1. Holbeach 1: Baldock 3. Spalding 0. Bourne 1. St. Neots 1: Kempston 0. Brackley 1: Long Buckly 1. Staord 1. Rothwell 7, Amphiell 0: 5 and L Corby 1. Northampton Spencer 0: Wootton 1.

Stottold 2. Postponed: Portion v Irdingborough; Raunds v Desborough; MALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Pennill 0, Bacaster 2; Pagasus Jumors 0, Supermarine 1; Rayners Lane 2; Thame 3; Shortwood 4, Fauriord 1; Yate 1, Sharpmess 1; Abuggdon 4, Morris Motors 1. Fostponed: Hourislow v Moreton.

BERKIS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Hazells Aylesbury 1, Maddenhead Unded 0; Wallingford 2, Winstow Und 2; Milton Keynes Boro 1, New Bradwell St Peter 0 Postponed: Hackwell Heath v Buckingham; Windsor and Eton v Wantage. Wantage.
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Third round: Harwich and P 1, Saffron Walden 2: Heybridge Swifts 2, Harlow 1, Toptree 3, Hornchurch 3, Halstead 1, Brantree 5. Homehurch 3, Halstead 1, Brantree 5. ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior section: Engh-tingsea 1, Burmham 5; Canvey Island 3, Witham 0: East Thurrock 3, East Ham 1; Stansted 2, Ford Utd 3, Postponed: Eton Manor v Savtradgeworth; Purfleet v Chelmstord; Woodlord v Brentwood. ESSEX LEAGUE: Pontals Ath 0, Eastleigh 1; Portsmouth RN 0, Horndean 1; AFC 1 Totton 2, Roadsea 0; Steyning 3, Sholing 50 Soorts 1. Sports 1.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League
Stationary Cure First round: Newhaven 0.

SUSSEX COUNTY League: League Challenge Cup: First round: Newhaven 0, Eastbourne Town 1; Stormgton 1, Lancing 4 First diwision: Arundel 2, Shoreham 2: Burgees Hill 0, Horsham YMCA 2; Hatsham 0, Haywards Heath 3; Littehampton 4, Chichester City 1; Peacehaven and T 0, Wick 0; Portfield 1, Winhelmank 1.

wintensawi 1.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 4, Brentwoods 0; Cheg-wellians 2, Etonians 3, First division: Selopkans 3, Harrowans 1; Wyketiamists 0, Westminsters 1. Lincoln rebuild

Lincoln City have begun work

on a new £650,000 structure 10 replace their St Andrews stand, which was condemned as a hazard. Lincoln were Bradford City's guests at the time of the fire tragedy in which 55 people lost their lives. The Lincoln secretary, Geoffrey Davy, said Lincoln were determined to bave all the latest and best safety precautions. Although work has started, the plans have been submitted to the local safety. committee and are still under .. discussion by the club, fire-brigade and the city building department. The club hope to: have spectator facilities com-

England bowlers find their second wind to finish off Tasmanians

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Hobart

England had a good win evening Whitaker and Lamb here yesterday, beating Tasmania by an innings and 96 runs despite the loss of the first day of the match. Having gained a first innings lead of 263, they bowled Tasmania out a second time, for 167, all being over at just after half past two. The winds that had hlown on earlier days were made to seem like mere since the last Test of 1974-75. zephyrs by the gale which now had the trees bending before it. this morning for a one-day

That they chose to build a cricket ground on a hill-top does seem a little strange. But there it is, and, having much the better fast bowlers, England found a match and a pitch which suited them. Of the 20 Tasmanian wickets to fall. DeFreitas took six. Small and Foster five each, Gatting three and one was run out.

The fact that Gatting bowled more than anyone yesterday was because he took the up-wind end for 15 out of 21 overs. The others could probably have done with some of these themselves. Emburey, for example, bowled only six overs in the match, though that is not to say he contributed nothing. On the contrary, his 46 on Saturday, consisting entirely of houndaries, brought forward the time at which England declared, and yesterday he held a useful

The best batting in Tas-mania's second innings came from Boon and Buckingham. Boon was beginning to play very well when Emburey, at first slip, stuck out his right hand for a fast edge, knocked np the ball and caught it at the second attempt, falling to his right. After promising very well last year, Buckingham was needing the 43 not out he made now to get some confidence back. He is thick-set and four-square, and anything else that sounds sturdy, though his shape was accentuated by a heavy covering of sweaters. He was still getting into line and presenting a straight bat when he ran out of

partners. On Saturday, Slack made his best score of the tour, without playing quite as the tour, b smoothly as he had on Friday than that

hundreds by hitting another—his 34th—in the first Test against Sri Lanka at Kanpur

India ended the fourth day on

321 for 3, with gavaskar un-beaten on 148, in reply to Sri

Lanka's first innings total of

420. The match ends today, with a draw looking the only likely

result after the second day was

Gavaskar was solid, if un-

spectacular, against an minspired attack on a pitch that

assisted neither the spinners nor the quick bowlers. It was his first

century in this north Indian

industrial city, and he received a standing ovation from the crowd. He has now scored five more hundreds than Sir Donald Bradman, whose 29 is the second-highest total in Tests.

Only fine fielding and intelli-

They suffered an early setback

gent field-placing restrained the

out for 24, but Gavaskar and

contest yesterday with a fine display of controlled hitting and

steady bowling. Imran scored 114 runs in the

contest's specially devised scor-ing system. Clive Rice, of South

Africa, winner of the event on its

debut in 1984 and again last

yesterday.

lost to rain.

forces stalemate

were both out to Ellison after they had laid foundations; Athey got his not out; Gatting fell foul of a grubber, and Foster kept his first-class batting average well in the forties. England's victory was their third of the tour against a state hia with an innings to spare The party flies to Canberra

Scoreboard

TASMANIA: First Innings 79 (N A Foster 4 for 20, P A J DeFreitas 4 for 44).

P 18 Second Innings
P 18 Sowler run out
E J Harris b Gatting
12
K Braddshaw c Stack b Foster
4
O Hughes the b DeFreitas
21
TO C Boon c Emburry b Gatting
29
1 J Suckingham not out
A B M Elisson c Richards b Small
5
R L Brown c Lamb b Small
6
T J Cooley b DeFreitas
3
Second 5 Small
Extras (b 4, b 8, w 4, nb 2)
16
Total

Total 167 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-11, 3-41, 4-53, 5-92, 6-111, 7-130, 8-136, 9-164. BOWLING: Foster 15-2-37-1; Small 13-3-44-3; Gatting 17-6-40-3; DeFreitas 8-0-30-2; Emburey 3-2-4-0.

SO-2; Emburry 3-2-4-0.

ENGLAND X1: First Innings
B C Broad c Milosz b Cooley
W N Sieck c Elision b Brown
J J Whitalear c Soule b Elison
A J Lamb c Buckingham b Elison
A J Lamb c Buckingham b Elison
C W J Athey not out
M W Gatting b Cooley
JE Emburdy c Buckingham b Milosz
N A Foster c and b Brown
Extrae (b 3, 1-b 5, w 1, n-b 18)

Total (9 wict dec)

3

BOWLING: Cooley 21-0-85-2; Ellison 21.5-4-61-2; Brown 19-6-65-2; Milosz 31-8-104-3; Bowler 2-0-19-0. Umpires: S O Randell and O Gregg

game tomorrow against the Prime Minister's XI, a team chosen with the prompting of the Australian selectors. Captained by Border, it includes Bishop, who is probably next in line to be given the chance to open Australia's innings, and Whitney, who bowled England out for New South Wales last month,

Botham will play and bowl a few gentle, exploratory Previous record-holders, overs, and French hopes to be both with 44, were Peter back in action. Unless he takes it in turn with Richards to play in the two one-day competitions that are to come, this could be French's last game of the tour; but he deserves better

SRI LANKA: First Innings
Wettimuny Ibw b Sharma
J Rathayake Ibw b Kapil Dev
A de Silva b Arun
P Gurusinghe b Kapil Dev
L Dias c Azhanuddin b Arun
R fi Mendis Ibw b Sharma
Ranatunga Ibw b Maninder
R d de Alwis b Maninder
L F de Mei c Arun b Shastri
A R de Silva Ibw b Arun
Labrooy not out

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar not out ... K Srikkanth c de Alwis b Ratnayake

R Lamber run out

IIS Vengsarker c Gurusinghe bde
M Azharuddin not out

Extras (b 1, ib 3, n-b 11)

England, or MCC as they then were, first played a Prime Minister's XI in 1954-55, when Sir Robert Menzies, one of cricket's great patrons, had his beloved Lindsay Hassett to captain for him. Eight years later, he persuaded Bradman side, and their first in Austra- to make a sensational reappearance at the age of 54, only two years older than Jack Hobbs when he finished with Surrey and four years younger than W G Grace, who played his last important innings on

> for the Gentlemen against the Players at the Oval. The Don had not, in fact played a serious innings for 14 years. But he was playing golf off a handicap of one at the time and word came through that he was not only practicing assiduously in the nets at Adelaide hut had begun to bat astonishingly well. It was the greatest disappointment when he played on off his foot for four to Statham, the ball just dislodging a bail. Bradman never took guard again.

his 58th birthday, making 74

Bob Hawke, now Prime Minister, never got a game for Oxford University, although he was a good enough fielder to be placed on alert during the University Match at Lord's, should substitutes be needed. The next cricketing recruit to the parliamentary scene will be Dirk Wellham, captain of New South Wales and a candidate in the next state elections. Had he been of the right party, he might have

been playing tomorrow. John Emburey's whirlwind innings of 46 against Tasmania at Hobart set a world record (the Press Association reports). The England off spinner made all his runs in boundaries, hitting 10 fours and a six, to record the highest completed innings comprising only of boundaries in the history of first-class cricket.

Marner for Lancashire against Nottinghamshire at Southport in 1960, (four sixes and five fours) and Mike Harris for Nottinghamshire against Yorkshire at Bradford in 1976

Gavaskar hundred Natal's run chase is Sunil Gavaskar, India's pro-lific opening batsman, consoli-dated his world record of Test Dilip Vengsarkar, who made 57, added 117 for the third wicket. Durban, (Reuter) - A gen-

erous declaration by the rebel Australians enabled Natal Province to snatch a six-wicket victory with four overs to spare day cricket match vesterday. Set a target of 232 to win in two hours and 25 minutes plus 20 overs. Natal gradually accelerated to the required run rate. Hohns took three for 57 in 13

BOWLING: Kapit Dev 30-11-61-2; Bharat Arun 27-7-76-3; Sharma 31-4-122-2; Maninder 32-12-89-2; Shagtri 17-6-37-1; Sriddanth 1-0-4-0. kar c Gurusinghe b de Mei 57

Total (3 wids) 321

"Kepil Dev, R J Shastri, †K S More, C Sharras, Bharat Arun and Maninder Singh to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-100, 3-217. Imran top in the world

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Imran
Khan, the Pakistan captain, won
n one-day all-rounders' cricket
Contest vesterday mith a final

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Polycall Kingston 118. Birmingham Bullets 104: Reg Verify Sunderland 95, HrS Portsmouth 97; Sharp Manchesser Utd. 109. Hersely-Walford Roysts 95; Draper Tools Solent 92; Calderdele Explorers 87; Heppy Ester Bracknell 97; Homespare Bothon/Bury 76; BPCC Rams Darby 76; BCP London 83. Second division: Tower Hamilets 88, Okfham Caltics 112; Tearn Walsoll 91, TF Group Cleveland 96; Lambeth Top Cats 116, Okfham Caltics 98.

MATIONAL CLIP: Seath-finals: Women: BCP London 79, Stockport Louroise 87; London YMCA 87; Auon Northampton 80.

NORTH AMERICA: Heritonel Association: HIBAI: Frieder: Philacelphia 76ars 122; Boston Cellics 100; Detroit Pistons 114, San Antonio Sours 84; Cleveland Cavelaiers 134, Utah Jazz 128 (od.; Dallas Maywinics 141; Deneur Nuggels: 118; Seattle SuperSourca 100, Phoenia, Surra 106; Portland Tyali Blazzers 116, Houston Flockuts 112; Seattle SuperSourca 106, Phoenia, Surra 106; Portland Tyali Blazzers 116, Houston Flockuts 112, San Antonio Spurs 96; Indiana Pacors 128, New York Knicks 99; Detroit Pistons 98, Philadelphia 76ers 88; Utah Jazz 91, Chicago Bulle 95; Dallas Mawaleps Bucks 120, Bosson Celtics 100; Denver Huggets 128, Calden Stata Werriors 112; Westerington Bullets 113, Los Angeles Clippers 101; Sacramanto Kings 122; Phoenix Sims 114. Wednesday.
When Whitfield was out shortly after tea Hudson with 55, Bentley with an undefeated 59 and Madsen (60) saw the home side safely to victory.

with the pitch giving no help to the bowlers, acting captain, Rixon looked to have erred in an effort to produce a result. The tourists declared at 238 for seven in their second innings shortly after lunch with Shipperd making 63, which like his first innings knock of 78 not out, was a dour affair. In all he spent nearly eight and a half hours at the crease.

The Natal opener, Whitfield who followed his undefeated 103 in the first innings by laying the foundation for the home side's victory charge with a useful 27 was later selected for South Africa in the first un-official "test" against the rebels beginning in Johannesburg on

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Immos 227 for 2 dec (G Shipperd 78 not out, M D Taylor 60) and 238 for 7 dec (G Shipperd 63, P i Faulkner 55; McGlashan 4 for 76) NATAL: First Immos 234 for 3 dec (B J Whitfield 103 not out; T Madsen 53 not out, and 232 for 4 (Bentley 59 not out, Medsen 60, Hudson 55, Hohns 3-57)

of 92 with Richard Hadlee, of New Zealand, third with 83. Imran scored 77 in his cight

first round overs in which he

was out once, and 94 in the 10

second round overs in which he was dismissed twice. He posted nought for 68 in the first round

but bowled accurately to take four for 99 in the second.

Roses are too hot for Firebrands By Sydney Friskin

England's senior team, playing as the Roses, started the indoor season by winning the international club tournament ing Firebrands, the local side 6in the final. Roses, however, had close calls on the way to success in a tournament they had won last year. They drew 5 5 with Slough and 8-8 with Menzieshill to take second place in the group, eventually relying

on penalty strokes for their place in the final. They led 3-2 at half-time after taking a quick 2-0 lead, but had a fright when Firebrands came back to 4-4 and again to 5-5, before Sherwani sealed the fate of the game with the winning goal barely a minute from time. The scorers for Roses were Hill (negalty, stroke). Nick Clark (penalty stroke). Nick Clark, Richard Clarke, Halliday and

RESULTS: Group A: Tulse Hill 2, Welton 11; Firebrands 5, Fareham 4; Tulse Hill 5, Shadows (England Juniors) 2: Fareham 5; Wetton 9: Firebrands 7, Tulse Hill 8; Shadows 8, Welton 11. Group B: Gloucester City 4, Marzieshill 12; Rosse 5, Slough 5; Teodington 8, Gloucester City 1; Slough 9, Menzieshill 5: Rosse 11, Gloucester City 2, Teodington 7, Monzieshill 9, Semi-finalis: Welton 7, Rosse 7 (Rosse won on penalty stroleast; Slough 4, Firebrands 5. Final: Rosse 6, Frederington 9, Slough 5, Firth: Menzieshill 6, Tulse Hill 2, Sewetti: Sinatows 6, Teddington 4, Niedt: Fareham 5, Gloucester City 3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Giants win earns home advantage

By Robert Kirley

for more than 1,000 yards in

The New York Giants carned the home-field advantage for the conference play-offs in the Na-tional Football League by beat-ing the Green Bay Packers 55teams — Kansas City, New England or Cincinnati — lose their final games of the regular 24 on Saturday. The team with the home-field edge in the NFC have advanced to the Super Bowl in each of the last five season. Denver have aiready clinched the AFC West title, but their play-off opponents will out be established until New Eng-land. Cleveland and the New York Jets finish the regular years. Phil Simms threw three touchdown passes and Joe Morris ran for 115 yards to aid the season. Seattle's win eliminated Giants, who won 14 games in a the Miami Dolphins and the Los season for the first time. Angeles Raiders from conten-The Seattle Seahawks, beat tion for the play-off.

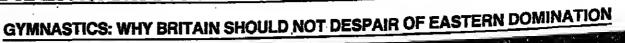
the Deuver Broacos 10-6 for their fifth consecutive win, to concluded the regular season with a 10-6 record. Seattle will

On Friday night, the San Francisco 49ers beat the Los Angeles Rams 24-14 to win the NFC West title. San Francisco held Eric Dickerson to 68 yards yards and Joe Montana threw two touchdown passes to lift the 49ers. San Francisco will take a week off before beginning their play-off campaign; the Rams will face the Washington Red-skins in the NFC wild-card Largent, became the first player skins in the NFC in league history to catch passes game next Sunday.

earn a wild-card berth in the each of eight seasons. Largent AFC play-offs if two of three had shared the record of seven such seasons with the former San Diego Chargers receiver, Lance Alworth.

CHUSS-CURITY

PARLIAMENT NILL Metropolium League (5 miles): 1, 5 Crabb (Enfants), 26mn 535ec. 2, M Philpot (Hithogton), 30:06: 3, J Espir (Shaftes-tury), 30:35. Teams: 1, Straffesbury, 2,598 pts: 2, Woodland Green, 2,459; 3, Thames Valley Harrers, 2,459. Leading positions (after three secure): 1, TVH, 30:52; 2, North Lendon, 7,794: 3, Woodland Green, 7,571. SOUTHAMPTON: Hengahler League (5 miles): 1, N Genmell Southampton), 25min 01:eoc; 2, T Bucker (Havant), 25:25; 3, M Eliss (Overton), 25:23. Teams: 1, Aldershot, 45 pts; 2, Overton, 118; 3, Fleet, 125. PEZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Stackhesth 0, Richmond 1. Lusque: Beckenham S, clatiflord 1; Chesth 1, Sponsav 6; Dulwich 6, Surbton 1; Hourslow 2, Old Kingstonians 1; Maldenhand 2, Wimbledon 0; Purliny 1, Bromier 2; St Alberts 3, Hamposead 0; Southgete S, Woylordon Hevrics 1. MORENICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier Divisions Chebriston 2, Hamberton Magpies 1; Nortolk Waschmests 3, Brustwood 0. McEWARS LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: HamposhingSurray Regional; Fleet 5, Hamber Old





Pommelling the opposition: Tikhonkikh, perfection on the bar, flows like the Don on the horse (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Girls ruling a woman's world

The rather un The rather uncomfortable phenomenon of the child prodigr turns up from time to time in quite a few sports. In recent years we have had Norman Whiteside playing in the World Cup at 16 and playing rather well, too, And, of course, there is Boris Becker, who won Wimbledon at 17.

and mental freaks. They reached the top as boys but with the bodies of men and with ture minds that thrived on stress and competition. In women's tennis and women's swimming girls who mature in a fashion physically and mentally suitable to their sport turn up every year. They are girls able to hold their own in a

voman'ssport, But the sport of women's symmastics is different, Indeed, there is no such sport any more.
All we have left is little gtrls'
gymnastics. The more talented
these little girls are, the more these little girls are, the more measy they make me feel. In the Kraft International at Wembley over the weekend we had a glimpse of the Soviet Union's latest champion from the Pixieville and Tnytown conveyor belt: Oksana Omelianchik, the joint world champion.

She is 16, with the body of a 12-year-old. Her back bends in

12-year-old. Her back bends in the middle like a oue-string fiddle. She has the de rigueur ponytail and all the phoney, catesy charm that the Soviets rathlessly coach into their teenytiny champions. To be fair, this one showed n performing pres-ence that was out of the or-dinary. She actually seemed to like it out there. The more usual elfin clones seem to be charming by numbers, with their hearts and minds cauterized.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL

OBERTALIERNI, Austria: World Cup: (10km) cross-country stillings: 1. F. Wastling (Swe), 36-min 14.7 sec; 2. F.P. Rossent (EG), 36.32.3; 6. F. Schuler (Austria), 38-43.2; 4. E. Kvallous (Nor), 38-45.1; 5. J. Sterringer (ES), 36-48.7; 6. J. Mattous (Cz), 37-36.4; 7. A. Machaedister (USSR), 37-10.8; 6. F. Fischer (WG), 37-13.1; 5. B. Anders (EG), 37-18.8; 10, A Sehmisch (EG), 37-25.1.

BOXING

PARIS: Europeen junio-lightweight bozing champigoship: (12 rounds): J-M Flenerd (Bel drew with II Londas (Fr), Flenard retains tide.

Crew with Incomes (1-7), Heristo resears tole.

SHEFFIELD SHERLD: Sydney: New South
Wales 218 and 342-5 (M Taylor 186, O
Welham 119), South Australia 433, Match
drawn, Petit Victoria 233 and 201, Western
Australia 275 and 222-4 (C Matthews 55).

Western Australia best Victoria by as wickets. HONG KONG: All-regader's challenger 1, Imran Khan (Pett; 2. C Rice (SA); 3. R Hadise (N.2). G Gooch (Eng) and Meden Lai (Inda), eliminated after liret round.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Simon Barnes

It seems to me that this sport has lost its way. When women are physically unable to compete with little girls, there must be something wrong somewhere. The queenly women gymnasts, like the great and graceful Ludmilla Tourischeva, are extinct. Instead, we have nothing but little girls who go hippity-hop under the stern eye of their

Why is it that all the coaches are seven-feet wide, with shining hald heads, ferocious mous-taches and great starchy bellies bulging from their tracksuits? One can only speculate about the extraordinary relationship they must have with their Tolkienesque charges.

title, her Soviet colleague,

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH ABERICA: Nedonal Hockey Leegue (NRL): Printey: New Jersey Dovits 6, Washington Capitate 4; Bufrato Sebres 3, Montreal Conscients 2. Saturaty: Chicago Blackhawks 6, Bioston Bruans 2. New York Islanders 5, New York Rangers 2, Debroit Red Wings 2, Hertford Winalers 2 (ed): Pilikadelphile Flyers 6, Putsburgh Penguins 4; Washington Capitals 5, St Louis Bleus 3; Edmonton Dilens 8, Los Angeles Kings 6 (ed): Montreal Canadians 5, New Jersey Devils 2: Toronton Maple Lests 5, Buffalo Sebres 4 (ed): Calgary Flemes 5, Vancouver Canadias 3; Cuebec Mondiques 4, Minnetota North Stars 1.

NOSICOW: Exwestis Capt Sweden 2, Ficland B: Casada 6, Fritand 2; Soviet Union 1, Casadoo 6; Fritand 2; Soviet Union 1, Casadoolovakia 8.

LACROSSE

ROAD RUNNING

(Gavició), Zómin Zósec: 2, 3 Cram (Jerrow), 29:36; 3, A Johnson (Eswició), 30:11. Team: Sunderirand 35 points.
ROCHESTIER: (4 x 25; miles reley); 1, Tombridge, 46min 25sec: 2, GEC Avionas, 47:14:3, Irmicia East Kent, 47:45; Pleasest lap: M Sonation (Tombridge), 11:11 (record).
TELPGRIC; (10km); 1, 5 Emson (Wolverhampton and Bitaton), 30:min 55eac; 2, T Bishop (Sinsin Derby), 31:13, 3, A Horlick (Tellord), 31:13.

RUGBY UNION

GLASGOW: Schools international: France 37, Scotland 3.

SKIING

CHAMONDX, France: World Cap: (70 m jumpling): 1. M Svitagerto (62, 83.5 and 99 m), 205.50ts; 2. O Harrsson (Nor. 83, 91.5), 199.2: 3. P Ulega (Nug. 82.5, 98.) 198.1: 4. E Vestion (Austria, 82. 94) and G Hauswirch (Switz, 82.5, 93.5), 195.6: 6. A Bauer (WG. 83.5, 91), 185.2: 6. F Plazzini (Switz, 83.25), 193.8; 9. R Lasiktonen (Fin. 80.94), 191.4: 16. P Raymond (Switz, 80, 92.5), 187.5. Standings (5 aventa): 1. Vestion, Géptis; 2. V Opaze (Nor), 64: 3. P Ulaga (Nor), 62: 4. M Nystanen (Fin.), 54: 6. J Weischton (Ca), 58.6. T Massar (WG.), 34: 7-, J Parthal (Ca) and A Feider (Austria), 25:9-. O Gunnar Feigestol (Nor), and M Topes (Vug.), 27. DAPOS. Switzmand: World Cao (200cm)

34: 7-. J Parmá (Cz) and A Felder (Austria), 28: 9-. O Gumar Fidestoi (Nor), and M Tepes (Nug), 27. DAVOS, Switzenland: World Cap (Stites consecutative): 1. T Ericsson (Swe), 1tr 30 min 00.7sec. 2. V Smirnov (USSR), 1:30.01.7; 3. C Melbacek (Swe), 1:30.02.6; 4. G Svan (Swe), 1:30.11.2; 5. T Wassberg (Swe), 1:30.11.2; 5. T Wassberg (Swe), 1:30.11.2; 5. T Wassberg (Swe), 1:30.11.2; 11. A Kingelev (USSR), 1:31.25.2; 12. Mellon (USSR), 1:31.25.1; 1. A Sargelev (USSR), 1:31.25.5; 12. L Haaland (Swe), 1:31.30.5; 13. E Turchice (USSR), 1:31.39.4; 14. 7 Mongren (Swe), 1:31.42.2; 15. S-E Danselsson (Swe), 1:31.42.2; 15. Sec Danselsson (Swe), 1:31.42.2; 15. Sec Danselsson (Swe), 1:31.42.2; 15. Swenter, 15. S

Switcen, Super, 2: Norway, 32: 3, Switzerland, 30, COGME, Ruly: World Cape: Wement: 2dilland cross-country: 1, 6 Nilkelino (Nor), 56:44.3: 6, C Thomas (Switz, 56:44.7: 4, M. Muthicinen (Fin), 57:90.8: 5, M.E. Westin (Switz, 57:15.8: 9, A Boe (Nor), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elvese (Nor), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elves (Norsey, 1), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elvese (Norsey, 1), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elvese, 10:15:15: 3, 50:05:15:15:15:24: 8, Elvese (Norsey, 1), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elvese, 10:15:25: 8, Elvese (Norsey, 1), 57:95.8: 7, M. Elvese (Norsey, 1), 58:95.8: 7, M. Elvese (Nor

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Division Oper

EAD: (Softwell 10km): 1, M McLeod , 29min 20sec: 2, 3 Cram (Jerrow), A Johnson (Elswick), 30:11, Teats:

The sport has actually tried to but the slavish att improve things. The last code of points — "the little green book," as the sport calls it — was drawn up after the last Olympics and served to bring more womanti-ness and grace into the sport. It was an attempt to end the endless lines of little girls scering perfect 10s.

But the little girls still dominate the sport: clearly the renate the sport: clearly the re-forms have not gone far enough. The sight of people like Henri-ettz Onodi, of Hungary, aged 12 and about one eighth the size of the average coach, no longer has people going "aaah". It makes one wonder instead about her long-term physical, mental and

spiritual health.
It all began, of course, with
the wholly delightful Olga Korbut. Through being a lumi-nous, if not an incandescent,

capturing this have brought the sport to its present strange, rfortable and rather worrying state. Actually, Olga herself h

suggested a solution to the problem. She surfaces every so nften to make remarks that are printed in the Soviet Press, for she is still a mighty totem figure. She has suggested splitting the sport into separate competitions for winner and for little girls. Of course, British coaches

regularly despair as yet another nny Eastern bloc prodigy emerges from nowhere to outstrip their own girls. If only we had their system of excellence, they sigh, we'd give you world champions. If we, too, trained little girls like racchorses we'd make dozens of pocket-sized champions. Britain, they say person, she brought oceans of wholly natural charm to the sport. It was a delight at the time say I.

Tikhonkikh's 10 out of 10

By Peter Aykroyd

the competent Tikhonkikh leadevent in the apparatus finals at the Kraft International yes-terday. Earlier, Neil Thomas, of ing throughout after a pommel horse exercise marked by effort-Britain, had won the gold medal for the men's floor exercise.
On Saturday, with Oksana Omelianchik injured before the battle for the women's overall

less flow.

SATURDAY: Merc 1, A Tikhonkich (USSR), 55.90pts; 2, L Boda (Hum), 56.35; 3, Zicu Jing (China), 56.25; 4, H Kato (Japan), 56.20; 5, M Watanebe (Japan), 55.40; 6, K Xianyao (China), 55; 7, N Thomas (GB) and D Simpson (GB), 54.40, Women: 1, N Frolova (USSR), 38.45pts; 2, B Stoyanova (Bul), 38.25; 3, H Ornod (Hum), 38.05; 4, I Polokova (Cz), 37.85; 5, O Dudeva (Bul), 37.75; 6, K Hargate (GB), 37.90, (SUI), 37.90; exercises: 1, N Natalya Frolova, established a dominant lead on vault and asymmetric hars. Her Yurchenko vault with full twist

BILLIARDS

BRISTOL: Moverflex world professional champlesship: Second round: N Dogley (Eng) 3, R Cose (Eng), 0; M Wildman (Eng) 3, C Everlan (Wal), 0; I Williamson (Eng), w/o T Jones (Eng), scratched.

SWIMMING

DUNFERSILENE: Scottish short course chem-pionetig: Mear's finets wissess: 400 m Inst-vidual meethy: A Smith (Warrender), 4min 36-40sec; 200 m Individual medley: Smith, 211-94: 1500 m treestyle: C McNetil (Pasiloy) 16:2-25 80 m treestyle: S McCheel (Mar-chester), 24-56: 200 m treestyle: McCheel (1-54: 200 m batterfy: R Letshman (Kety Collage), 25-76: 100 m breestyleicher Gurran (Pasiloy) 1:7-47: 100 m beetstrote: M Pewebrune (Warrender), 58,57: Freestyle

Curran (Paistey) 1:7-47; 100 m backstroise: M Peyrebrune (Warrander), 58.87; Freestyle relay; Paisty 1:40.78; Momer: 480 m bothed-ani medior; S Smart (Chester), 5:3.88; 200 m betterfly; Smart 2:11:5:50 m breestyles; L Dornelly (Hamilton), 27.13; 100 m breestyles; L Compbell (Cambonneuto), 1:14.52; 200 m freestyles; R ddillan (Dundee), 24.45; 100 m backstroise; R ddillan (Dundee), 24.45; 100 m backstroise; A Racoffi (Kelly Colloga), 1:6.47; Freestyle relay; Paistey 1:52.03; 200 m individual mediey; J Hill (Cumbernauto), 2:19.59; 800 m freestyle; R Gdillan (City of Dundee), 8:42.14 (Scottish record).

TENNIS

Alexei Tikhonkikh, of the Soviet Union. Scored the first perfect 10 in Wembley history when he won the borizontal bar soviet Union won again with finding (China), 18.40. Penniuel house 1, Soviet Union won again with finding (China), 18.55; equal 3, H Kato (Japan) and Zhou hing (China), 18.40. Penniuel house 1, Soviet Union won again with finding 18.55. Ranges 1, L Booa (Hun). Kato, 19.20pts; 2, A Tatronauri, 19.1c; 3, Jing, 18.55, Ringes; 1, L. Bode (Han), 19.20pts; 2, Tshonkidh, 19.10; equal 3, 0 Smpson (GB) and M Watenbe (Jap), 18.95, Venit: 1, Thomas, 19.075pts; 2, Bode, 19.3, Kato, 18.825, Parallel hars; 1, Jing, 19.35pts; 2, Kato, 19.20; 3, Tikhonkith, 19.75pts; 2, Xianyo, 19.20; 3, Tikhonkith, 19.75pts; 2, Xianyo, 19.20; 3, Boda, 19.15, Wersen: Vault: 1, N Frolova (USSR), 19.775pts; equal 2, L Elioti (GB) and H Onodi (Hun), 19.25; 2, Chood, 19.equal 3, K Hargete (GB), H Esprit (So) and B Stoyanova (Bul), 18.85, Beans; 1, O Omeliarchik (USSR), 19.75pts; equal 2, 1 Polokova (Bul), 19.40; 3, Stoyanova, 19.25, Floor exercises: 1, Frolova, 19.75pts; equal 2, 1 Polokova (Cz) and Onodi, 19.35.

stroke behind the leaders.
LEADING SECOND NOUND SCORES:
(US unless stated; 127: W Casper and J
Stephenson (Aus), 65, 62, 128: G Littler
and 8 Peerson, 64, 64; J Ferree and A
Okamoto (Jap), 65, 63; B Crampton (Aus)
and P Bradley, 63, 65; C Owens and J
Geddes, 67 61, 129: R Charles (NZ) and A
Alcott, 64, 65; A Palmer and C Johnson,
65, 64, 138: M Barber and J Dickinson, 63,
67, 132: O Douglas and J Inkster, 65, 67.

BOXING Draw enables Renard to keep his title

A weighty

bid for

victory by

Casper

From John Ballantine Montego Bay After scoring a second round

record 62 almost single-han-dedly in the Mazda Champion-

ship in partnership with Jan

Stephenson, of Australia, to give

them a one-stroke lead over four

pursuing pairs, Billy Casper was

asked how he would feel were he

faced on the final green with a

three-floater to win the \$500,000 (about £352.000) first prize on

unday.

I don't know, because I've

never had to do it", replied the

stout Californian, who has the

ultimate in what Americans call a 'laid back' manner to get the

Casper holed some snorters in

Saurday's heat with a large-headed putter. But the rest of his game also belied his 55 years

and, grossly overweight though he now is, his performance

shows that finesse and touch are

more important in golf, in the short term at least, than sheer

Casper pitched to six feet

three feet and three inches for successive hirdies from the

third, hit a seven iron to a foor and another with the same club

tenth, but then it was all Casper again; a 10-footer at the 12th, an 18-footer at the 14th and an easy

birdie at the 512-yard 17th with

a long drive, a four iron and two putts. His Australian partnersqueezed in a four-footer

As far as Charlie Owens, a 56-year old black pro from Florida is concerned, gold isn't all in the legs, it's all in the knees. He

wrecked his left one in an army

parachute jump but it's now fused and pain-free. However,

his right knee is constantly inflamed with cartilage prob-lems and he may need a total

replacement. His right eye is

virtually useless and he uses a cross-handed baseball grip and a putter he made himself ("to cure

the yips") that is 50 inches long

and weighs 3½lh.

Despite all this, Owens played quite beautifully with his partner Jane Goddes and stands one

stroke behind the leaders.

to save par at the last.

to 15 feet for an outward 29. Miss Stephenson made a small contribution by holing from 20 feet for a hirdie at the

Paris (Reuter) - Jean-Marc Renard, of Belgium, retained his European junior lightweight title on Saturday night when the judges declared a draw after an aggressive bout against Daniel Londas, of France

Renard, aged 30, who had already successfully defended his title twice, nearly clinched the match in the second round. He floored Londas twice, first with a right book and later with a left. But Londas recovered and went on to dominate the bout for several rounds. He rocked the Belgian never put him on the

RUGBY LEAGUE

Edwards and Hanley frustrate heroic Hull

By Keith Macklin

Wigan.. It is a thousand pittes that one of these sides in a pulsaring John Player Special Trophy semi-final had to lose. Wigan de-

served to win this magnificent match at Headingley, but Hull's determined performance de-served better than defeat. It was a bruising, occasionally blood-curdling cup tie, and the result was in doubt until the final hooter as Hult desperately bombarded the Wigan line. Before the game Len Casey, the Hull coach, and Crooks, the

POMPANO BEACH, Continental Players Cap judior tournement: Semi-finals: Argenting 2, Netherlands 1; Casachostovalda 2, Spain 1. Final: Casachostovalda 2, Spain 1. Final: Casachostovalda 2, Argenting 1, (Carames first; R Zudaldova bt PTarabini 6-2, 6-2, 3-8; Puspisiova lost to 8 Futos 3-6, 6-2, 3-8; Zudaldova and Pospisiova bt Tarabini and Futos, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
PLANTATION, Florida: Samelina Copr Casacherlands: United States 2, Switzerland 1; Italy 2, Yugostavia 1, Semi-finals: United States 2, Italy C. Spain 2, Sweden 1, Italy C. Spain 2, Sweden captain, believed that if they were spot on with their tackling, they were capable of beating the trophy bolders. In the first half they managed their objective, with Crooks setting a towering example. At half time, Hull led

World title date

Phoenix (AP) — Louis Espinoza, of the United States, has signed to meet Tommy Valoy, of the Dominican Republic, for the World Boxing Association junior feather-weight title on January 16 at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum, promoters said here. Espinoza is the WBA's No 1 wins and one defeat with 15 knock-outs. His only loss came on a 10-round decision to Dana Roston in 1983. Valoy is ranked second by the WBA with a record of 20 wins, one defeat and 19 knock-outs.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Freight Rover Trophy Preliminary round Port Vale v Hereford

Huddersfield; Wigen v Preston. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: S OPR (2.0) GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round:

Alvecharch v Oswestry. SOUTHERIK LEAGUE BILL Dellow Cup: First round: Gosport v Fareham. . AC DELCO CUP: Third round: Bognor v

moved wider and quicker. Eventually the splendid Hull defence cracked and Edwards. the man of the match, made a break which saw Case send over

Hanley near the posts for Stephenson to kick the goal. Yet Hull were not done. Pearce, their former Welsh rugby union international playing in the centre, crashed over the Wigan line after good work by Crane and Norton, and then kicked a superb goal from near the touch line to put Hull 11-6 ahead. Back came Wigan with another brilliant break by Ed-wards and another piece of perfect finishing by Hanley. Gill kicked the difficult goal that enabled Wigan to go to Burnden Park, Bolton, on Janu-ary 10, where they most the ary 10, where they meet the winners of next week's clash hetween Warrington and

they managed their objective, with Crooks setting a towering example. At half time, Hull led 5-0 with a dropped goal from Crooks, and a try by Windley, the scrum half, who squirmed over from a close range scrum. All the efforts of Hanley, Lydon and Edwards to open up play for Wigam were in vain.

Graham Lowe, the Wigan Crooks, Switched tactics in the Coach, Switched tactics in the Granes of Granes (Coach, Switched tactics in the Coach, Switched tactics in the Migan Wigan Wiga

Wakefield humbled

hard in the first half and at one stage were level at 6-6. However, when Castleford turned on the heat and began to move the ball

by the strong-running Austra-lian second row forward Brett Atkins, but the best Castleford try came from the young stand-off half, Shaun Irwin, after a splendid break by John Joyner. The undefeated league tead-ers, St Helens, bounced back after their reverse in the John

By Keith Macklin

Trinity, without a win in the of the season, beating the John first division and with a new Player semi-finalists, Widnes, coach in Trevor Bailey, fought 18-0.

about huse gaps appeared in the Trinity defence and Castleford finished with seven tries in an easy 40-12 victory.

Two of the tries were scored over York, and Humslet returned to their top-of-the-table form with a 50-point thrashing of Huddersfield.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP. Barrow 16, Leeds 23: Hallar 18 Salter 8.

Castleford, the Challenge Cup and Yorkshire Cup holders, finals with a 28-6 comfortable home win against Oldham, showed no mercy yesterday as home win against Oldham.

Hull Kingston Rovers put their recent financial troubles showed no mercy yesterday as they returned to form against their struggling neighbours.

Wakefield Trinity.

Hull Kingston Rovers put their recent financial troubles and poor form behind them to score their most convincing win

> In the second division Fulham maintained their improve-ment with a narrow 18-16 win over York, and Humsler re-

OT Huddersfield.

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Warrington. Second divisione: Pulham 18,
York 16; Hunsler 52. Huddersfield 6:
Keighley 22, Funcom 10; Rochtele 22.
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Not quite the end of the people's war

• Ordinarily, seven hour-long documentaries would be more tion about it still stands, however. CHOICE than enough to do full justice to As it offered so many first-rate, the theme of the Second World first-hand accounts of wartime instalment. The commentary War's impact on Mr. Mrs. end experiences, it was a mistake to speaks of three of the five giants Miss John Citizen. But the truth of allernate them with Mass the matter is that at end of conjured up by Beveridge in his Observation reports spoken by tonight's concluding film in A

report on social insurance squalor, want and idleness - still not having been vanquished. But little attempt is made to follow up the thought offered by *Picture* Post's Tom Hopkioson that the general desire in the country was for the people's war to be followed by a people's society. Perhaps I am expecting more of the closing chapters of A People's War than the films saw it as their duty to deliver. If I am guilty of this, it is probably because, during the past seven weeks, the series as a whole set a high standard below which it never dropped. My one reserva-

• The Oldest Goose in the Business (BBC2, 9.30pm), an everyday tale of pantomime folk, is a hitand-miss affair. Barry Davis has set his play in an Oldham which is shown to be sadly deficient in Christmas cheer. The town band is playing God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen sure enough, but the with sour comments about the town being full of glue sniffers and West Indian hair-do's. Where the play hits is in its understanding of the disenchanted way that some theatre folk, professionally a mil-

lion miles away from London. behave when there is nowhere for them to go but down. Where it misses is in its attempt to develop the main point that I assume it is trying to make. Olivier has said that when he builds up a characterization, he begins with the feet. The retired panto goose in Barry Davis's play (he is very well played by Jimmy Jewel), also starts at the feet, and he strikes a responsive chord in the earnest young ASM who thinks that, when trying to get at the theatrical truth of things, it is the essential gooseness that counts. It is, rejoins the venerable performer, no good being a goose unless you are your own goose. Sadly, this meeting of minds is untidily explored

Peter Davalle



Tracey Ullman as Ethel in Daisy Ashford's The Young Visiters (C4, 8.30pm)

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55

People's War (Channel 4, 10.15), which has analysed the many

facets of the homefront's experi-

ence with a remarkably fine eye

for detail, there is such a rush to

dot the i's and cross the t's, that we are left with the feeling that once

the killing stopped, there was no

cash left in the production company's kitty to embark on the

job of counting the cost of the

cataclysm in terms of dashed expectations. There are, it is true,

the beginnings of such an assess-

ment at the end of tonight's

Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank 7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank
Bough and Satily Magnusson.
National and international
news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and
8.30; regional news and travel
bulletins at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15;
weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
6.40 Watchdog. Consumer attains
presented by Lynn Faulds
Wood and John Stapleton.
8.55 Regional news and
weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05 You Bear, Cartoon. (r) 9.10 Play Chess. William Hartston presents the first of a new daily senes 9.20 Wacky Races. (r) 9.30 Alice in Wonderland.

9.30 Alice in Wonderland.
Cartoon version, including the voice of Nigel Hawthorna as Lewis Carroll. (r)
10.00 News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details, and birthday greetings, 10.30 Play School.10.50 Willo the Wisp. (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley

with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 The Dukes of Hazzard. Boss Hogg tries to defraud his late uncle's estate and encounters the ghost of Silas.

11.55 Junior Kick Start. The first of three heats for the Norwich Union trophy, 12.20 A Song For Christmas. The first of three programmes to find this year's Song For Christmas, The guest is Aled Jones, 12,55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News presented

by Martyn Lewis, Weather, 1.25 Neigbours, Max and Shane have an argument 1.50 Bertha, (r) 2.05 Film: One Million Years BC (1966) starring Raquel Welch and John Richardson. Adventure yarn in which the shapley Miss Welch competes

with a brontosaurus, a giant with a brontosaurus, a gaint lizard, and other prehistoric beasts. Directed by Don Chaffey 3.40 Cartoon.
3.50 Henry's Cat 4.10 Super Ted. (r) 4.15 Odysseus the Greatest Hero of Them All. Tony Robinson with another tale from Greek mythology.
4.30 Blue Peter includes carol singing by the massad choirs.

4.30 Blue Peter includes carol singing by the massed choirs of Allfarthing Primary School, Wartingham County Secondary School, Kessingtand School, the BBC Symphony Chorus, and the band of the Chalk Farm Salvation Army, (Ceefax) 5.00 The Box of Delights, Part one of a three-episode dramatization of John Masefield's tale. (r) (Ceefax) 8.80 Slx O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew

Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Wasthar.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Tarry in a tete-a-tete with Michael Crawford.
7.35 The Golden Oldie Christmas

Show. Dave Lee Travis presents up-to-date videos of old Christmas favourites. 8.00 Porridge, A classic episode from the hit cornedy series set in Slade Prison, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard

Beckinsale. (r) 8.30 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series about an ill-matched couple sharing the basement flat of their children's home. (r) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey, Regional news and

9.30 Film: North Sea Hijack (1979) starring Roger Moore, James Mason, and Anthony Perkins. An eccentric secret agent is pitted against a gang of ruthless men who are holding to ransom a North Sea oil rig. Directed by Andrew V
McLaglen. (Ceefax)

11.05 Bette Midler - Art or Bust! The
raucous Miss Midler's stage

show recorded at the



Devin Stanfield and Patrick Troughton in episode one of John Masefield's The Box of Delights (BBC1, 5.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. 10.20 The Week in the Lords. A

Candelight from Ripon Cathedral. (r) (Ceefax) 12.00 Film: The Mark of Zorro* (1920) staming Douglas Fairbanks Senior. A swashbuckling silent set in Mexico with Fairbanks as an ineffectual aristocrat by day and Zorro, the defender of the

programme. (r) 2.15 Film: Peter No-Tail (1981) An

weather. 3.50 Film: They Flew Alone* (1941) starring Anna Neagle and Robert Newton. The story of Amy Johnson and her husband Jim Mollison, avlators who

5.30 Domesday Detectives. Two teams from the original 16

9.00 Cool it. Comedian Phil Cool

Goose, and in the first instance, the assistant stage manager is sent to find a Skitt. 10.30 The American Film Institute

Salute to Billy Wilder, introduced by Jack Lemon. With contributions from,

repeat of yesterday's
programme of highlights of the
week's proceedings in the
House of Lords, presented by
Christopher Jones.

11.00 Songs of Praise. Carols by
Candlelight from Ripon

poor and the oppressed, by night. Directed by Fred Mblo. See Hearl Christmas Special. A rapeat of yesterday's

animated tale from Sweden about a kitten, shunned by his family, who is taken to a new home by a passing motorist. 3.40 News, regional news and

thrilled the world in the Thirties before their marriage turned

teams from the original 16
battle out the final of the quiz
on Britain and the British, (r)
6.00 No Limits. The last programme
of the rock magazine series.
7,00 Film: 1941 (1979) starring Dan
Aykroyd. A Steven Spielberg
comedy shout the panic when
a largeries submedials seen

a Japanese submarine is seen off the coast of California six days after the Attack on Pearl Harbor. In Los Angeles, the area's commanding officer is being harassed by nervous civilians, and is concerned by the eccentric behaviour of his

with the last programme of his

9.30 The Oldest Goose in the Business. A play by Barry Davis, who originally wrote the work as a short story for radio, about a crisis facing a Mother Goose rehearsals have begun but there is no Mother manager is sent to min a costume. By luck he bumps into a retired comedian with a suitable set of feathers. Starring Jimmy Jewel and John

among others, Fred
MacMurray, Audrey Hepburn,
and Walter Mattheu. The
programme heralds a season
of Wilder films beginning with
The Seven Year lich, to be seen on Christmas Eve.

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6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Ann Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. Wacaday with Timmy Mallett at 9.00.

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by The Leopards of Kora. Two leopard cubs, born

kora. I wo leopard cubs, corn in captivity, are taken to a rehabilitation project at the Kora Game Reserve, Kenya. Film: The Toughest Man in the World (1984) starring Mr T. A made-for-television yarn about a tough ex-marine who enters a strong man competition. a strong man competition n order to raise money for a youth centre for troubled youngsters. Directed by Dick Lowry. 11.55 Sitent Night with Jose Carreras. Songs for the festive season recorded in the chapel of Oberndorf, a village

in Austria.

12.30 Baby and Co. Lesley Judd and dr Miriam Stoppard discuss working mothers. (r)

1.00 News at One with leonard

Parkin 1.20 Themes news.

1.30 Film: The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976) starring Peter Sellers, Harbert Lorn, and sallers, respect Lom, and Leonard Rossiter. Dreyfus escapes from the asylum where the antics of Clouseau had sent him, and begins to build a world-wide criminal network dedicated to the externination of the humbling extermination of the bumbling detective, Directed by Blake Edwards. (Oracle) 3.25 Films Peter and the Wolf (1946) An animated Walt Disney

animated want Disney
adventure.

3.45 The Young Doctors. Medical
drama serial set in a large
Australian city hospital 4.15
Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest.
Children's home resident,
Dedger a Christman lab Dodger, takes a Christmas job in a London store. Starring Lee 5.15 Biockbusters. General

knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news. 6.35 Crossroads. Staff shortages hat the motel - but help is at

7.00 The Krypton Factor. A radiopharmacist; a marketing radopharmacist; a marketing manager; a port of Felixstowe manager; and a sales rep., compete in the Group D final which comprises six grueiling tasts including landing a British

tasts including landing a Bhbsh Airways 747 by simulator. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. The Tilsleys are spending Christmas under the cloud of Impending divorce and Susan Baldwin is still seething over her husband's deceit about his son. (Oracle)
8.00 The Yarwood Chat Show. The comedy impressionist is joined by Kate Robbins, Fiva Star, and Linda Notan.

and Linda Nolan, 9.00 North and South, George Hazard and Orry Main find their long-standing friendship strained by the tansions between north and south. This final episode continues after the news. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten. Weather followed by Thames news 10.30 North and South. As the Civil War jooms the Hazards and the Mains struggle to keep their friendships. Starring Patrick Swayze, James Read,

and Lesley-Anne Down. 11.20 The Johnny Cash Christmas Special from the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, with Jerry Lee Lews, Andy Williams, and comedian Steve Martin, with comedian Steve Martin, wait two films featuring Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Merie Haggard, and Barbara Mandrell.

12.15 Tales from the Darkside: I'll Give You a Million. Two millionaires dream up the ultimate bet.



2.30 Film: Daemon (1985) starring Susannah York. A drama made by the Children's Film Unit about an 11-year old boy, Nick, who is disturbed by his parents business trip to the United States at the same time as his family's move to a new house. Unhappy at school, his only friend is the psychiatrist who is

on hand when supernatural
events threaten to destroy him.
Directed by Coh Finbow.

4.00 Eric Bristow - 'Arrogant,
Irresponsible Genius' A profile of the international darts player, seen in action at the board and at the pub/club he

owns. (r)

4.30 Film: Star Spangled Rhythm*
(1942) starring Betty Hutton
and Eddie Bracken. Comedy
musical about a film studio telephonist a efforts to prevent a sailor from learning that his father is just the gate-keep the studios, instead, as he boasted to his son, Head of the Paramount stars in walk-on parts, including Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Alan Ladd, and Veronica Laka. Directed by George Marshall. 6.25 Unicom in the Garden. An

animated version of James Thurber's battle of the sexes

6.30 Talking to Writers, Hermione Lee in conversation with R.K.Narayan, the Indian author whose first novel was published in 1935 on the recommendation of Graham Greene, 7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter

Sissons and Christabel King includes an interview with Pakistan's President Zia by Trevor McDonald, Weather, 8.00 Brookside. Shella has at last come to terms with her rape and she and Bobby decide to and she and Bobby decide to throw a Christmas party, and all the neighbours accept; the Corkhill's have their mortgage frozen, but that is the only respita from their money troubles; and Damon has gone off Gei who dragge? off Gail who doesn't seem to know when enough is enough.

8.30 Film: The Young Visiters (1984) starring Tracey Ulfr A made-for-television tale of a nine-year-old's vision of grown up romance and social class, written by Daisy Ashford in 1890. With Kenny Ireland, Carina Radford, and John Harding. 10.15 A People's War. This final

programme of the series about the Home Front during the Second World War examines the hopes and dreams that the people had of peace. (Oracle)
11.15 The Eleventh Hour: Turn it Up. Girl Zone, a film made by 11to 15-year old girls about agony aunts. They then investigate the world of advertising, racism in east

London, the News International dispute, and

VARIATIONS:

BBC1 WALES, 6.35-7.00pm Wales To-day 7.35-8.03 Home Brew 12.05-12.25mm The Skry At Night 12.25-12.30 News of Wiles Headines and Weather: Close NORTHERN RRELAND, 5.00-5.10pm Cam-co 5.10-5.35 The Firestones 5.35-5.40 Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Uster, 12.5-12.10am Northern Ireland News, ENGLAND, 6.35-7.00pm Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except 120pm-1:30 News 5.15-5.45 Who's The Boss? 6.09-6.35 About Angla 12.15am Sounds Like Christmas, Closedow

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Daughters 6,00-6,35 Channel report 12,15am

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SCOTTISH As London except:
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Child is Born, Closedown

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YORKSHIRE As London except 12 moon-12.30pm Christ-mas Tree Mon 1.20-1.30 News 3.45-4.16 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.15aro-6.00 Music Box

S4C Starts:
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Cream tip No. 52

Roast with a golden touch.



vinegar, until runny. Remove from heat and stir in 4 tablespoons of fresh Single Cream.

Use to baste turkey or chicken (whole or portions) for the last 1/2 hour of cooking time to produce a wonderful flavour and truly golden colour. You'll use this crowning



Radio 1

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MF (medium wave). Storeo on VHF (see below). News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight. 5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show (incl at 11.32 Madonna) 12.30 Newsboat (lan Parkinson) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Dave Lee Travis 5.30 Newsbeat (lan Parkinson) 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel Festive 50. VHF starso Radios 1 & 2- 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 1

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MF (medium wave), Stereo on VHF
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5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only) 9.55.
4.00 am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray
Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.05pm David Jacoba 2.00 Gloria
Hunniford joins the crowd at
Harrods 3.30 Mike D'Abo 5.05 John
Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell with Dance
Band Deys 8.30 Big Band Special
(BBC Big Band). With
Madeleme Bell 9.00 Humphrey
Lyttelton (Jazz on record) 10.90
Acker'a Away (Acker Bilk and
Paramount Jazz Band) 10.30
Star Sound. Nick Jackson plays
soundtrack requests. 11.00
Brian Matthew with Round
Midnight 1.00am Charles Nove
3.00-4.00 A Lätte Night Music.

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Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Runyon's Guys and Dots 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15
Scoop 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.09
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Play Bach 4.45 World Today 5.00 News
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International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK
9.15 Great Organists Play Bach 9.30 Afro
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10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News
10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup
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Music, conducted by Simon Preston). 8.00 News 8.05 Concert (continued). Bach (Orgelbuchlein Nos 1 to 8, BWV 599-806: Jacob, organ), Francaix (Quarter for cor anglais and string trio: Flet Concertino), Berwald (Sinfonie singulier in C: Gothenberg SO). 9.00 Records

9.05 This Week's Composer: C P E Bach. Including Harpsichord Concerto in F, Wq 43 No 1(Melarite 81 Orchestra, with Bob van Asperen, harpsichord), Fantasia in B flat, Wq 51 No 3 (Gustav Leonhard), 3 (dustavitatina) clavichord), Quartet in A minor, Wq 93, Sinfonia in D, Wq 183 No 1 (ECO), and Sofleggletto in C minor, Wq117, No 2(Lechner, harpsichord)

10.00 Chopin: Paul Berkowitz's piano recital Includes the Scherzo No 4 in E. Op 54; and Mezurkas Including the B flat minor, Op 24 No 4, and the C sharp minor, Op 33 No 1. Also, Barcarolle Op 60, and Noctume imm E major, Op 62 No 2.

10.40 Lutoslawski: the Polish RSO, under the composer. Symphonic Variations, 1938; and t1.15 Lindsay String Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in C, Op 33 No.3), and Beethover

(Quartet in F, Op 135)

12.05 BBC Philharmonic (under Benrihard Klee), with Steven de Groote (piano). Part one. Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2). 1.00 News 1.05 Concert (continued).

Dvorak (Symphony No 7) 2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a conversation with Gian George Pratt on changing traditions of performing Handai's Messiah. (Messiah is broadcast on Radio 3 tonight at 7.20). Also John Liti on the performing of

2.45 New Records: Garth New Hecoros: Garm Edmundson (Modern prelude on old chorale: Vom Himmel hock, played by Malcolim Archer, organ), Praetorius (Von Himmel hoch: Quem pastores laudavere: Choir of Westminster Cathedral/Parley of Instruments), Bloch (Hebraic rhapsody Schelomo: Harrell, cello/Amsterdam

narrell, ceso/Amserban Concertgebouw), Distler (Vier Spisistucke, Op 18 no 1 : Hurford, organ), Britten (A Ceremony of Carols: Williams, harp, end Choir williams, rapt, end Croin
of Westminster Cathe.Jral),
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piano and LPO), Dutilleux (La
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: Lyons National Orchestra),
Glazunov (Symphony No
7: Bamberg SO).

4.55 News 5.00 Interpretation on Record: Geoffrey Norris Hiustrates the different approaches to the playing of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (r) 6.00 The Dancing Master: The Broadside Band play popular tunes from Britain and other countries in the publications of John Playford 6.30 Organ music: Robert Gower plays Percy Whittock's Sonata in C mino

on the organ in the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook 7.20 Handel: Messiah. The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra (under Harry Christophers), with soloists Lynn Dawson, soloists Lynn Dawson, Catherine Denley, Oavid James, Maldwyn Davies, Michael George, and Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumper), Margaret Pnillips (organ) and Jane Coe (cello). Interval reading at \$16. Part two beging at \$20.

8.15. Part two begins at 8.20, and part three at 9.25. 10.15 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Stan Sulzmann (saxophones) and John Tavior (piano)

11.00 Beethoven Piano Sonatas: John Liti plays the No 4 in E flat, Op 7, and the No 12 in A flat, Op 26. A recording of a recital given on October 14 at the Barbican in London. 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

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problems of everyday life, presented by Louise Botting. 10.30 The Fosdyke Saga. Another chance to hear some later episodes of the favourite series. The cast includes Stephanie Turner, Miriam Marolyes and Philip Lowne. 10.45 Wives of the Great

Composers. How much influence did the wives of ten great composers have on thair husbands' music? 11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits the National Theatre in London.

Theatre in London.

11.48 Poetry Pleasel Listeners' requests. Presented by Charles Tomlinon. Readers: Tim Pigoth-Smith and Diana Bishop (5)

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs. With Susan Rag

12.27 King Street Junior. A proposed Unit for immigrant children creates trouble for Mr Beeston, and temperatures rise. With Peter Davison and James Grout. (s) 12.55

Weather 1.00 The World at One; News 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shapping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Includes e feature about Rhyddings High School in Oswaldtwistle in Lancashire, And Patricia Hodge reads Pink May, a story by Elizabeth 3.00 News; The Afternoon

Play. The Latin Lover, by Christopher Denys With Lisa Bowerman, Judith Barker and Clare Kinsale in

the cast. The story of the arrival of some Italia prisoners of war in vartime Oldham warume Ordnam

4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second chence to hear last:
Friday night's edition, which included comment on the various Alices on view in the Christmas shows, and the film Explorers.

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5.00 PM News magazine 5.50 5.55 Weather 6.00 The Six O'Clock News: Financial Report.

6.30 Quote... Unquote. The quotations game with a celebrity panel consisting of David Steel MP. Gemma O'Connor, Sheridan Morley and John Peel. In the chair: Nigel Rees (r)(s)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 On Your Farm 7.45 The Monday Pley. The Napoleon of Notting Hill, by G K Chesterton, With Roger Hammond (as Chesterton), David Collings, Kim Wall, and Stephen Hattersley in the cast. (s) 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Tonight's

magazine includes comment magazine includes comments on the Cambridge Opera Handbook on La boherne. Also The Country Wife at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, and a preview by Gillian Reynolds of Christmas

programmes on radio. 10.15 A Book At Bedtime: My Uncle Silas, by H E Bates (1 of 3). Read by David Neal. 10.29

10.30 The World Tonight 11.15 The Financial World

Tonight 11.30 Music at Night: Ravel --Ballet Suite; Mother Goose, played by Pittsburgh SO under Andre Previn. 12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping forecast

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SPORT

booking

Trevor Cherry, the Bradford Citymanager, is to demand an FA inquiry after he was booked and one of his players was sent off in yesterday's 2-1 defeat arms. defeat away to the second division leaders, Oldham

The game was halted for two minutes after a scuffle broke out beween the Oldham de-fender, Denis Irwin, and Bradford's Greg Abbott in the 71st minute with the home side

holding on to a 2-1 lead.

As the two players rolled on the ground when Irwiz retaliated after a tackle, Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, ran onto the pitch, and Cherry made animated protests from the touchline. After consulting a linesman the referee sent Abbott to the dressing room, then booked Cherry for continuing

with his furious protests.

After the game, Cherry said:
"I am very upset and I will be asking the FA for an inquiry. I have spoken to the linesman, have spoken to the linesman, and he admitted he did not know which Oldham player should also have been sent off. If my player had gone for a foul I wouldn't have bothered but I was told he was sent off for throwing a punch, it was ridiculous, and a lot of fans were shocked by the decision."

Royle said: "My player was badly fouled and I went on to the pitch because I wanted to get him away. I was surprised when their player was sent off and nurs didn't follow."

Leeds hit for seven

Nicky Morgan scored three goals for Stoke City as they overran a Leeds United team weakened by suspensions, ending the match 7-2 winners. Morgan was on the mark after five minutes and scored his second in the 34th minute as Stoke eased into a 5-0 half-

He completed his trehle by slipping a shot past Mervyn

Leeds fought back in the second half, and scored consolation goals through Ian Baird (50min), and John Sher-idan (72min) with a penalty after the full back, Lee Dixon, was judged to have handled. Leeds missed the influence of suspended Iau Snodin and John Stiles.

Derby victory

third place in the second division thanks to a fine first half performance in which striker Bobby Davison scored two goals in the 4-0 win over

Davison set up Derby's first goal for Gary Micklewhite in the ninth minute, and Micklewhite then returned the favour to enable Davison to drive in his 11th goal of the season and the 100th league goal of his career. Davison scored again in the 45th minute, and set up Derby's fourth goal for Phil Gee in the 55th minute.

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Cherry's Hodge on way to protest ends in a Tottenham as Roberts leaves

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The deal, from Villa's point

Steve Hodge, Aston Villa's to give. In our position we England midfield player, will need committed players and sign for Tottenham Hotspur today in a £650,000 deal 24 hours after the sale of the London club's Graham Rob- successful." erts to Rangers for a fee of 450,000. of view, was made more
Thittenham's profitable acceptable by the fact that £450,000.

weekend – they won 2-0 in Neale Cooper, the brilliant the League at Chelsea on young Aberdeen player whom Saturday – reached a climax villa signed five months ago yesterday afternoon when for £350,000, has recovered David Pleat, their manager, from a long-standing injury and Irving Scholar, the chair- and is poised to make his man, met their opposite num- debut early in the New Year. bers at Villa Park, Billy
McNeill and Doug Ellis, to
work out the details of the
transfer which had been
mooted for several weeks. The
mooted for several weeks. The Roberts deal finally made it money, it was inevitable that

McNeill said: "Steve de-cided he wanted to leave and nur policy is not to keep unhappy players. We have no immediate plans on how to for their discontented young player who cost £400,000 player who c

the players we have.
"I have felt for some considerable time that I wasn't II England caps in his trougetting everything that he had bled time at Villa Park. But he was not accepted by the Supporters

after rocking the unsteady Villa boat of the former manager, Graham Turner, by expressing his disillusionment with the club. He did not play at Oxford United on Saturday because he was said to be

Signing Hodge will take Pleat's outgoings to almost £2.2 million since he took over the manager's position at White Hart Lane in May.

Hodge's attacking flair should greatly enhance Tottenham's midfield while the return of Gary Stevens, whn ise xpected back shortly in the first team after dislocating a shoulder, will replace the bite which Roberts temporarily gave them in that depart-

Pleat did not seem too disturbed by the loss of the rugged Roberts. "We'll learn to live without him. Someone suggested to him recently that Scottish football was going well, so he's gone to have a

The bigger the club the more it suits Rangers' new boy

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when he signed 16 months ago from Nottingham Forest.

Hodge, who is 24, has won

By Hugh Taylor

Graham Roberts, the Totten-ham Hntspur defender, became yesterday the latest of Rangers' expensive imports from England, his transfer to lbrax costing £450,000.

This is our Christmas present for our supporters," said David Holmes, the Rangers chairman. And if any supporters could have found space in the boardroom crowded with yet another massive media presence, they would have decided that their new player would prove every inch a true-blue Ranger.

Roberts struck the right note at once. "I have always wanted to belong to a big cluh and I know Rangers are going right to the top," he announced in the southern accent fast becoming the lingua franca in the Ibrox dressing

moves them up

Derby County moved up to

Were Spurs not a big club?

Came a surprise query. "Not nearly as big as Rangers,"

insisted the newcomer, stroking the lanel o the club blazer newly donned for the cameras. Roberts felt also that Rangers had helped Scottish football to take a new lease of life and that more and more Englishmen would be clamnuring to cross the border

> "The Scots are far more enthusiatic about football than we are in the south," he added. "One of the reasons 1 decided to come to Scotland was after watching the Rang-ers-Celtic Skol Cup final, which was a tremendous game

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played in a wonderfully thrill-ing atmosphere. I decided that that kind of football was for me - that and the friendliness nf the Scottish people."

But a frown crossed the face of the husky player, often received of the incident. Any-

of the husky player, often described euphemistically as a powerhouse, when he was asked if he thought his style of play might not appeal to Scottish opponents. As his former manager, David Pleat, said on Saturday: "He has kicked a few people in England; now perhaps he is going to do the same up there."



Roberts: Happy to sign

"Look," Roberts said ear-nestly, "I've had nnly two bookings this season and an ordering-off for an offence I how. I've curbed my way of playing life now that I am 28. I will, of course, always give 100 per cent but now when I am fouled I just bite the bullet and

walk away.' His delight at having joined Rangers was shown when he was asked if he thought the resumption of his partnership with Terry Butcher might lead to that solid defensive duo

turning out again for England.
"I hope so," he said, "but
that's all in the future. All I'm thinking about is doing well for Rangers."Roberts' arrival at Ibrox may be said to complete the first phase of Graeme Souness's plan to make Rangers not only Scotland's but Britain's lead-ing club. "Our first objective vas to get it right at the back, said the player-manager. That was highly important, and with a quality player like Roberts, whn is resilient, tough and versatile, we must

But Souness indicated that the spending spree was by nn means over and that it might not be too long before the television cameras were whirring to welcome annther personality to Ibrox — a forward, most possibly, and, even more likely, a forward with a Cockney accent.

have achieved our first stage."

Newcastle shaken by savage attacks

By Martin Searby

Newcastle United...... 0

Sheffield Wednesday ... 2

exhibition of perpetual motinn at Hillsborough, It gave them a double over Newcastle whn must have had their perceptions of the season of goodwill severely shaken. Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield manager, might well have had his team chained up and fed a diet of raw meat the way they produced waves nf savage attacks which left Newcastle breathless at two down

inside 20 minutes.

to say Wednesday used the It was the only time the keeper long ball; they played intn was pressed whereas Thomas, space, then chased and harried his opposite number, was in mercilessly. Newcastle were constant action producing a exposed down both flanks remarkable one-handed reflex with Shelton, Sterland and save to parry Madden's Megson, powerful and aggres-header from one of a string of sive, feeding the lighter touch second-half corners which of Jonsson and Bradshaw, the clearly emphasized young forward making his Wednesday's . overall hnme debut. It was, hnwever, superiority. the aerial superiority of Chapman that proved decisive and although Jackson, United's recent £215,000 signing from Bradford City, has strength-ened the middle he was not in

Chapman's class upstairs. The first goal after 11 hectic minutes was one of classic simplicity. Bradshaw made Reference R Guy. room for himself deep and across the goal and just inside January 21. the left hand post. Bradshaw had the distinction of scoring with the Yugoslavian side his first home goal in front nf since the Manchester side

battled to lay it square for the 18-year-old to pop home.

Newcastle's fallibility to the high cross was further underlined when Chapman was Sheffield Wednesday pushed by Jackson as he moved to fifth place in the moved in again, presumably first division after another the only available tactic, and the disturbingly naïve referee, Mr Guy, refused the penalty claim. He also booked Shelton for a foul on the largely anonymous Thomas and Beardsley and Jackson for nver-enthusiastic tackles; nthers were more fortunate.

Newcastle's better efforts came towards the end as the Wednesday machine wound down and Hodge was forced to push nver a sharp header from Goddard after It is an over-simplification Wharton's run down the left.

SHEFFELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, N Worthington, P Hert, 1 Madden, G Snotin, S Jonsson, G Megson, L Chapman, C Bradshaw, G Shelton, Sub: N Chamberlain (for Bradshaw, 83 mins).

NEWCASTLE UNITED: M Thomas; T McDonedd, K Wharton, T Nesbit, P Jackson, G Roeder, P Stephenson, A Thomas, P Godderd, P Seardsley, D

wide on the left touchline . Manchester United have before hitting a long, high arranged to play a friendly cross which Chapman leaped match against Red Star Belquite brilliantly to head back grade at Old Trafford on

United have had great links the Kop, npened by The perished in an air crash at Queen last week, after Munich 29 years ago, after Thomas failed to clear playing a European tie against Snodin's corner and Chanman Red Star.



Foster can impress in the Test stakes

bowler, has been included in some wayward bowling, lit-the England side which meets tered with no-balls, in the first the Prime Minister's XI in a innings. limited-overs match at Canberra tomnrrow. A sound performance with the ball might earn him an England recall for the fnurth Test in Melbourne, starting on Boxing Day.

Also included in the tourists' side is Ian Botham, whn will be playing his first game since damaging a rih muscle in the second Test at Perth early in the month. The Canberra clash is tra-

ditionally a festive occasion prior to Christmas. But with Ian Botham making his comeback, it takes on a special importance England.

has recovered sufficiently to bowi a new-ball spell. Today. he spent another 50 minutes in the indoor nets in Hobart and looked totally happy with a bat in his hands. But his bowling was again restricted to gentle medium pace.
"Ian's experienced a bit of

reaction when batting" said Mickey Stewart, the England manager. "But that was not unexpected after his workouts on Thursday and Friday. "He was going to bowl the

equivalent of five overs at a reasonable pace but it was thrught best to ease back." Botham's experience with

the ball was missed during the drawn third Test at Adelaide. England played with nnly two front line seamers there, and extra pressure was put no the shoulders of DeFreitas, the 20-

Neil Foster, the Essex seam year-old, who responded with

 Stewart admitted that select tion for the fourth Test would not be easy. We are going into a bit of an unknown at Melbourne because no one seems sure how the pitch will play. We need to get the balance right," he said. That could mean using only

nne spinner or looking for more experience in the pace department. Either way, Foster can stake a claim for a first Test appearance this winter by reproducing his good form in state matches (15 wickets in the last three games) at Canberra

Bruce French, who lost his to Jack Richards, is now making a good recovery from the chest virus which put him in hospital at Hobart. He has been included in the 12 for Tuesday's game and will play if fully fit. Allan Border, the Australian

captain, kads the Prime Minister's XI, and taking charge of a crop of fringe Test players. Most exciting is South Australian npener Glenn Bishnp, a 26 year old who may yet face England at international level this winter.

ENGLAND XI (from): M W Getting (captain), B C Broad, C W J Athey, A J Lamb, D I Gower, I T Botham, P A J DeFreitas, C J Richards, N A Foster, P H Edmonds, G R Diley, B N Franch.

PRINE MINISTER'S XI: A R Bonder (captain), G A Gishop, R L Brown, M G R Directiva, A B Henschell, T M Moody, S P O'Donnell, J D Siddors, D Tazzelaar, M R J Voletta, M R Whitney.

John Woodcock, page 26

'Put customers first'

Britain's six national sports centres should concentrate on either excellence nr mass participation but not both, according to a report published yesterday. The report, commissioned by the Sports Council earlier in the year, examined management and marketing requirements of the

Among the report's wideranging recommendations are that greater emphasis should be placed on the needs and wants of the customers, that the management of the centres

should be re-organized, and that substantial investment should be made in the centres. The full council will formally

consider the report on March

John Wheatley, the Sports Cnuncil's director-general, commented: "This report is the final stage of our three-year review of the centres. It contains some very interesting and exciting ideas and will provide an invaluable aid to us in coming to decisions on how we should develop our centres."

Weston sways England to hold final trial

England will hold an official trial as part of their squad weekend on January 3. This decision was taken when the selectors met at Leicester on Saturday evening and the trial teams will be announced today, together with a handful of replacements which together will constitute the revised

national squad. Scotland, whn are England's first opponents in the five-nations championship at Twickenham on January 17, hold their trial at Murrayfield on the same day, which is the weekend following the conclusion of the McEwan's interdistrict championship.

Michael Weston, chairman nf England's selectors, has always favoured holding a formal trial. Although he has nnt yet received formal agreement from the Rugby Football Union to hold the match at Twickenham, it is difficult tn imagine permission being witheld even thrugh the Calcutta Cup game comes only a fortnight later.

The trial will represent something of a final shoot-out between the gay caballeros from the unfancied northern clubs who have waved such a splendid divisional banner and the stone-faced southern sheriffs from such clubs as Bath and Wasps. Inevitably there will be a lobby suggesting that three weekends nf divisional rugby have, in effect, given the selectors six trials, why should they want

There is another lobby which favours the Australian system, which is to pick a squad of, say, 30 players three months before the championship begins and leave them to the mercies of the national coach. Tradition in this country, not to mention parochialism, militates against

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such an autocracy. In the circumstances, therefore, it makes sense in put no your best XV against your second XV; if the selectors have done their sums correctly it is a valuable work-out in match conditions for the national side, if they have not there is time to make

amendment. It was always the selectors's intentinns to hold a match as part of their squad weekend and this merely formalizes that arrangement.

More Rugby Union on pages 22 and 23

It must be hoped that the selectors have a full hand to pick from, particularly at lock where Bainbridge and Syddall are recovering from injury, Dooley and Chiclough from a lack of form caused respectively by a long-term injury (which usually requires a re-covery period of a year) and

Rose, the Harlequins full back who played against Ja-pan in October, should be able in indicate his recovery from a shoulder injury by playing for his club next weekend.

BADMINTON

Sponsors at Lotus end an era

MOTOR RACING

By John Blunsden

As predicted in The Times on Friday, the Lotus Formula One racing cars will no longer carry the black and gold John Player Special colours. At the weekend, Imperial Tobacco confirmed their withdrawal from the Grand Prix circuit, in which they have supported Lotus since 1968 except for a break from 1979 to 1981.

Escalating costs of Formula driver in the 1987 Lotus line-up, are the reasons for the withdrawal, which means that er Warr, the team director, secure sponsorship for the start of the 1987 season and follow in the footsteps of four JPS drivers, Graham Hill (1968), Jochen Rindt (1970), Emerson Fittipaldi (1972) and Mario Andretti (1978) who have won the drivers' world championship and 47 Grands Prix.

John Bloxcidge, Imperial's chief executive, said: "We have concluded that the alarming increasing costs of Grand Prix racing spensorship for 1987 cannot be justified. We have taken this decision with great regret. The cost of cars and particularly of drivers in Formula One have escalated.

has a strong international flavour with Ayrton Senna, the Brazilian as Nn I driver while Satoru Nakajima, a Japanese, has replaced Johnny Dum-fries, of Scotland, who finished 13th last season. The engines are also Japanese (Honda) a switch from Remault — and Gerard Ducarouge, the chief designer, is French. The team's major backing next season, therefore, could very well also come from overseas.

Noel Stanbury, the Lotus assistant team manager, said yesterday: "We are very con-fident with regard to the future and have a very exciting programme over the next two years and all the available facilities to see that pro-gramme through."

Acrobatic smashes stun Frost

From Richard Eaton Kesis Lampur

Morten Frost's attempt to repeat one of the finest wins of his great career ended with a 18-13, 15-8 defeat hy the Chinese No. 1, Yang Yang, in the deciding men's singles of the Mariboro World Grand Prix finals in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The London-based all-England champion from Den-mark took the title in the same One sponsorship, coupled mark took the title in the same with the lack of a British stadium two years ago and in the past often been able to has just over three months to frustrate with beautifully balanced defence and patient

rallying.
This time thrugh the conditions suited the little lefthander with the dynamic and acrobatic smash. There was noisy support for him from about 9,000 nf the local populus, one-third of whom in Kuala Lumpur are Chinese. There were also tricky 3ft drifts, both from end to end and across the court, which had changed to the opposite

end overnight and which

made accuracy extremely

. . .

difficult. Frost's renowned control nevertheless enabled him to dn this up to about 8-8 in the Although Team Lotus are first game and then to recover British-owned and based, it to 13-13 after Yang Yang had battered his way to a fivepoint lead. But after the Dane had lost the first game he seemed nn langer to have the strength to counter attack in the heat, and by the finish he

> China also wnn the women's singles when Lei Ling Wei retained her title hy beating the world champinn Han Aiping, and later there was pandemnnium when the local pair, Jalani and Razif Sidek, the former all-England champions, won the men's doubles England had to be content

was looking drawn and tired.

with a creditable win in the mixed dnubles by Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers, who improved their serving in the second and third games to overcome Sweden's Thomas Kihlstrom and Christine Magnusson 8-15, 15-4, 15-8. lt was a courageous effort and an ironic nne too. The pair nf them plan to split up and play with different partners from DOW OD.

RESULTS: Semi-finals:
illent's stegles: M Frost (Den) bt A B
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bt M Kjeldsen (Den) 15-7 15-71.
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Kitoda (Jan) 11-4 11-7; H Alping (China) bt S
Zheng Yuk (China) 12-11 11-0.
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Hartono (Indo) 15-8 15-8; R and J Sidek
(Mal) bt T Bingyt and L Yongbo (China) 1015-16-16 18-17.
Women's doubles: H Hye-Young and G
Myung-Hee (S Kor) bt M Bengtspon and G
Magnusson (Swel) 15-6 15-8; V Payrin and I
Lie (Indo) bt II Kjaer and N Neilsen (Den)
15-12 15-6.

Biblied Goulbles: N Tier and G Gowers (GB) bt S Karlason and M Bengtsson (Swe) 15-12 18-15; T Killistrom and C Magnusson (Swe) bt B Gallland (Scot) and N Perry (GB) 15-9 15-10.

Finale: Men's singles: Y Yeng (China) bt M Frost (Den) 18-13 15-8.

Man's doubles: J and R Sidek (Mai) bt H Susanto and E Hartono (Indo) 16-15, 15-5, 18-13. Katra Zajc, threatening to quit bt T Kinstrom and C Magnusson (S 15-4 15-8.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Endurance changes Paris (AP) — The international auto sports federa-

tion (FISA) has agreed to proposals by sports prototype (endurance) racing manufac-turers and teams for gradual rule modifications phased over the next five years.

The changes apply to both the senior Group C and the smaller Group C2 classes in the world championship. The size of engines will remain unlimited, but fuel allowances will be reduced steadily over the period to cut power and

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1987 CALENDAR: March 29: Janema, Spain. sprist. March 29: Janema, Spain. sprist. March 29: Janema, Spain. 1,000 lcm. April 12: Moraza, Italy, 1,000 lcm. April 20: Verbelungs, Italy, sprint. May 10: Shiverstone, Britain. 7,000 lcms. May 17: Le Mars 17 test Day, France, Jane 13: 14: Le Mans 24 Hours, France, Jane 13: 14: Le Mans 24 Hours, France, July 19: or 26: Srands Heath, Brissin, 1,000 lcms. August 29: Nuthungsing, West Germany, 1,000 lcms. September 27: Puil, Japen, 1,000 lcms. September 27: Puil, Japen, 1,000 lcms. October 4: Nishi Sendai, Japan, sprint (subject to track approval, October 25: Australia track to be named).



Tennis catch

Colin Dowdeswell, the for-mer British Davis Cup player, is to play for Tennis World, Middlesbrough, in the new Mnrtgage Corporation National League. Dowdeswell has agreed to commute from. his home in France to play for the North East team.

Final stage Bolton Wanderers' Burnden

Park football ground will stage the final of Rugby League's John Player Special Trophy on Saturday, January 10. Wigan, the holders, are through to the final again and will meet the winners of next Saturday's semi-final between Warrington and Widnes.

McLeod again Steve Cram, the world mile

record holder, failed to break Mike McLeod's reign in the Saltwell 10km road race yesterday. McLeod gained his thirteenth successive victory with 16 seconds to spare in 29 min 20 sec.

Coach row

.The Yugoslav women's Alpine ski team has been rocked by an internal row which resulted in the country's twn top skiers, Mateja Svet and